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Shop raiders' £3,000 haul

Target – the Premier Store at The Winsters

RAIDERS stole more than £3,000 from a cash machine in a shop in Skelmersdale after breaking into disused premises next door and knocking a hole through a wall into the store.

The thieves entered the empty business premises on The Winsters in Old Skemersdale through the roof at around 10.50pm on Wednesday, January 21.

They then removed bricks from an adjoining internal wall and gained access into the neighbouring Premier Store, which was unoccupied at the time.

Once inside the store they cut through the back of the cash machine and stole around £3,000 in cash.

DC Jo Collinson of Skelmersdale CID said: "If anybody saw any suspicious activity in the vicinity of the shop around the time of the burglary or has any information that could assist with our investigation I would urge them to contact us.

"Similarly, if you have seen anyone with an unusually large amount of £10 notes in their possession, I would ask that you get in touch with us."

Anyone with information can contact Lancashire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers–uk.org.

MORE UNITS CLOSE AT CONCOURSE

But centre owners believe leisure complex plan can help reverse decline

JUST weeks after Skelmersdale was named in a national report as having the highest persistent shop vacancy rates in the country, two more units have closed in the Concourse and another is believed to be due to shut next month.

This month the National Lottery kiosk and Heron Foods have both closed their units at the shopping centre while the Champion understands that the branch of a national chain is set to close its doors on Friday, February 6.

Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey says these latest closures add to what he described as a "worryingly long list of empty shop units" at the Concourse at a time when the owners of the centre have unveiled ambitious proposals for a cinema complex and restaurants in the town.

The Champion recently reported on figures supplied by the Local Data Company which showed that three–quarters of vacant shop units in Skelmersdale have been empty for more than three years and, as a consequence, 90% of all retail spending by residents is done outside of the town.

Report by **Henry James**

Councillor Furey commented: "It's extremely worrying that more store closures are taking place despite ambitious plans by the Concourse owners to improve the centre by providing a cinema and restaurants.

"I find it ironic that these plans and artist impressions are currently on display in a vacant shop unit at the centre!

"Local residents and councillors have been asked to support these plans which have already been approved by the council. Since then we have learned that Skelmersdale Concourse is the worst–performing shopping centre in the country for vacant shop units and customers are turning their backs on the centre by spending their money outside of the town.

"I will be writing to the Concourse to express my concern at the number of empty shop units and asking what plans they have to bring more stores to the centre.

"In addition, I will be asking what steps are being taken to ensure more customers visit the centre and Skelmersdale is provided with a shopping centre that's fit for purpose."

The Heron Foods unit at the Concourse which closed this month

Jo Salmon, retail portfolio manager of Concourse owners London & Cambridge Properties

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Jobseeker's Allowance claimants in borough halved over past year

FIGURES released by the Department for Work and Pensions show that the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in West Lancashire has halved over the last year.

Amanda Jakeman from the Jobcentre Plus told the Champion: "There has been a huge decrease in the number of Jobseeker's claimants during the last 12 months and yearly figures, which run from February 2014 to February 2015, show that there are now 734 people claiming the allowance.

"For the 18 to 24–year–old age bracket there are 155 claimants, which is 63% less than the year before. These statistics are brilliant and represent the hard work of the Job Centre work coaches and local businesses.

"In the 25 years and older bracket there are now 579 claimants, which is a reduction of 54% from the previous year.

"This year we will be focussing on the hospitality sector, looking at jobs in tourism in the UK and abroad, including bar work, waiting–on and management jobs. This will be a new area of work for most applicants, which is really exciting.

"These kinds of jobs start recruiting now for the summer, which is the industry's busiest time of year, so claimants should look at applying now to get in early."

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Patients warned of possible disruption to health services

Unions plan industrial action over pay dispute

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

PATIENTS are being warned to expect possible disruption to NHS services on Thursday (January 29) when health service unions and professional bodies plan industrial action.

The organisations' members are in dispute with the Government over its decision not to award a 1% pay rise across the board as recommended by an independent national pay review body.

Members of Unison, Unite, GMB and the Royal College of Midwives have given notice of industrial action to be taken between 9am and 9pm on Thursday.

Action by the Society of Radiographers will be between 8am and 2pm.

Industrial action will also affect North West Ambulance Service and patient transport services will only operate for patients requiring dialysis and cancer treatment, usually at the Medical Day Unit at Southport and Formby District General Hospital.

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The drop–in chest x–ray service at both Southport and Ormskirk hospitals will also be only available between 3 and 4.30pm.

Angela Kelly, interim director of nursing and quality at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital National NHS Trust, said: "We will do everything we can to ensure patient safety and care is not affected by the planned industrial action. We are also working with union representatives to ensure that services which involve emergency and critical care are not affected.

"We will contact patients directly if their appointment needs to be postponed.

"If a patient is unable to attend for whatever reason, they should contact the trust on 01695 656680 to make a new appointment."

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Former Heartbeat star opens hospice charity shop

FORMER Heartbeat star David Lonsdale has performed the official opening ceremony of a shop in Up Holland that will aim to raise funds for a worthy cause.

The Southport actor, who played nice–but–dim David Stockdale in the long–running 1960s–centred drama and has also featured in Hollyoaks, Coronation Street and Casualty, opened the Queenscourt Hospice shop in Dingle Road, Hall Green in his role as patron of the charity.

Queenscourt, based at Town Lane, Southport, provides support for the people of West Lancashire, Southport and Formby, caring for patients with serious illnesses, enabling them to achieve the best possible quality of life at each new stage, both on site and in their own homes.

• RIGHT: David Lonsdale cuts the ribbon to declare the new Queenscourt Hospice shop open, surrounded by staff and supporters of the charity

Phone scam victim gets cash back after MP's intervention

Fraudsters take £33,500 from woman's bank account in 36 separate transactions over one weekend

Report by **Henry James**

AN Up Holland woman who had more than £30,000 taken from her bank account as a result of a telephone scam was only reimbursed following an intervention by West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper.

The woman, who has asked to remain anonymous, accused the bank, Santander, of failing to monitor her accounts properly and described her treatment as "appalling" after they initially refused to refund the money.

However, within a week of enlisting the MP's help, the money – £33,500 in total which the woman and her husband had saved for a deposit on a house – was refunded and she received an apology from the bank.

The problem started when the woman had a missed call on her mobile phone on a Friday and checked the number which appeared to be from Santander.

She then received a second call from the same number and the caller informed her that there had been fraudulent activity on her account, citing a direct debit for £1,700 taken by satellite TV company, Sky.

The woman was asked to confirm her name and address by the caller who said they had her old landline number and asked for the new one which she gave to them.

She was then sent a text message update including a code which she later confirmed with the caller who told her not to worry as the direct debit was probably due to a 'computer glitch' by Sky.

However, when she checked her bank accounts the following Monday, she discovered that a total of £33,500 had been taken in 36 separate transactions over the course of the weekend.

She told the Champion: "I really want to thank Rosie Cooper for her help. Without her, I would not have got my money back.

"The bank would not give me my money back at first, but within a week of contacting Rosie Cooper, I had my money returned. I also had an email from the executive complaints manager at Santander.

"Santander stonewalled me at first and the way they have treated me has been appalling. They certainly didn't monitor my account.

"I also want to thank my family and friends for all their support. People commit suicide over things like this."

A spokeswoman for Santander told the Champion: "Our customers' security is of utmost importance to us, we take all fraud claims very seriously and investigate every incident reported to us.

"We have spoken to your reader and apologised for any unintentional distress caused and we have fully refunded her.

"We are very sympathetic to her situation and the distress caused by being the victim of a fraudulent scam."

More shop units close at Concourse

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Ltd. (LCP), said the loss of the stores demonstrated why building the new £4 million cinema complex was crucial to the shopping centre's future.

"We are deeply concerned about the fragility of the retail market and losing these stores, but it is exactly why it is so important for the leisure scheme to go ahead. Anything that can reverse the decline can only be good for the people of Skelmersdale."

LCP was given planning permission last month to build the leisure complex, including a 695–seat, seven–screen Light cinema and restaurants.

It says the scheme will create at least 40 new jobs and protect the 800–plus existing jobs at the shopping centre.

Jo Salmon added: "This is a very big scheme that will be unfolding over the next months. The tenants and our customers are all very much behind it."

Meanwhile a spokesperson for National Lottery promoters, Camelot, commented: "The kiosk was not owned by Camelot. It was owned and run by a completely separate company called Rieves UK Limited, which has gone into administration. As a result, Rieves is no longer a National Lottery retailer and can no longer sell National Lottery products or process prize claims in any of its outlets.

"We have removed our National Lottery terminals from Rieves' outlets and are in the process of re–siting them, in accordance with our retailer selection policy, to ensure that they generate the maximum possible sales and, therefore, money for National Lottery Good Causes."

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Family's desperate plea for return of missing Maxi

A SKELMERSDALE family have issued a deperate plea for information about the whereabouts of a much–loved pet who has been missing for five weeks.

Jackie Reynolds, from Charnock, Holland Moor, said her 11–year–old daughter, Madison has been distraught since the family's Jack Russell terrier, Maxi (pictured) disappeared just before Christmas.

The 44–year–old mum said: "Madison has been heartbroken since Maxi went missing – he was just like her baby.

"We are deperate to have Maxi back home. If someone has taken in him in, now is the time to give him back. We just want him home."

Maxi is described as white with black patches and went missing after being chased by a Staffordshire Bull terrier at the duck pond at Chequers on Tuesday, December 23.

Jackie added: "We have been looking everywhere we think of for Maxi. And although we have been told of a few possible sightings, there has been nothing positive – which I think is strange, to be honest."

Anyone with information is asked to call 07985 172 834.

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County council's £10m boost for schools

SCHOOLS in Lancashire are set for a boost after it was announced that Lancashire County Council will invest more than £10million of extra cash next year.

Schools chief County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson has approved the distribution of £10.6m from schools budget reserves, on the recommendation of the Lancashire Schools Forum, to top up the county's education grant of £861m for 2015–16.

The Lancashire Schools Forum is a statutory body made up of representatives of headteachers, governing bodies and representatives of other relevant organisations within Lancashire. The Forum advises the county council on matters relating to school funding and has certain decision–making powers.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'm very pleased to have been able to approve, in consultation with the Schools Forum, a budget that will see schools receive an increase in funding compared to last year, despite the government grant for schools being frozen.

"We have been able to find this increased funding as a one–off by using schools budget reserves relating to underspends from previous years. Providing extra funding on a per–pupil basis to schools in these times of financial hardship will help us all in supporting children and young people in Lancashire."

• RIGHT: County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

Police chiefs announce creation of new ethics committee

Members of public invited to put their names forward

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the public are being invited to put their names forward for a new committee to monitor the behaviour, actions and decisions of police officers and staff.

Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, together with chief constable, Steve Finnigan, has announced the creation of a new Combined Ethics Committee with the aim of making the force more transparent and ensuring officers and staff always act in the public interest when carrying out their roles.

The committee will be responsible for scrutinising the behaviour, actions and decisions of officers and staff and for encouraging public debate around the complex area of police ethics.

Now residents with an interest in the issues facing Lancashire's communities and the police are being invited to apply to become part of the committee.

A total of five members are required and applicants need to have the skills and experience to help senior leaders in decision–making, with the aim of improving transparency to benefit communities.

Mr Grunshaw said: "It is vitally important the public have trust and confidence in policing in Lancashire. Research shows us confidence is currently high in the county, but I want to make sure there is public scrutiny which demonstrates officers and staff are acting to the high standards expected of them.

"Increased transparency can only be a good thing for residents and I am delighted we are now at the stage where we are seeking to get this Combined Ethics Committee up and running."

Clive Grunshaw

Members of the committee will receive an annual allowance of £1,000, with the committee chair receiving £1,500.

Meetings will be held quarterly, with additional meetings as required, and an attendance allowance of £211.50 per day (pro rata) will be paid.

The initial term of office will be two years.

Applicants must live or work in Lancashire and must not be currently employed by either Lancashire Constabulary or the office of the police and crime commissioner or volunteer as a Special Constable.

The closing date for applications is Friday, February 13. For details on how to apply go to the website www.lancashire–pcc.gov.uk, or for more information email commissioner@lancashire–pcc.gov.uk or call Janet Mather on 01772 533468.

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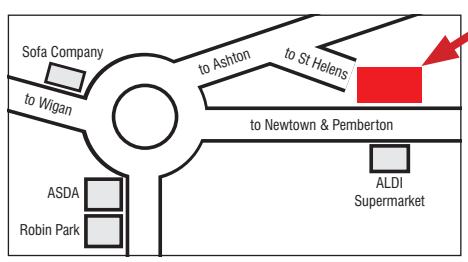

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M58 'black spot' resurfaced weeks after fatal crash

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN accident 'black spot' on a stretch of motorway which passes through West Lancashire has been resurfaced – just weeks after a man from Aughton was the victim of a fatal accident.

Father–of–three David Dale died after his car, heading westbound on the M58, left the carriageway about a mile from Junction 1 before going down the embankment, crashing through a wooden fence and rolling over into an adjacent field.

The accident on December 26 prompted Susan Davies, whose son Robert was killed on the same stretch of motorway in August 2011, to contact the Champion renewing her long–running campaign calling for improved safety measures in the vicinity of the crash.

An investigation following 26–year–old Robert's death had found that the accident may have been caused by excess water on the carriageway.

Susan had also called for a crash barrier to be erected along the stretch of road.

There have been more than 30 accidents in that area in the last three years and Susan met Highways Agency officials earlier this month to raise her concerns.

At the weekend, the agency resurfaced the westbound side of the M58 between junctions one and three to prevent surface water collecting on the carriageway following heavy rain.

The work was carried out from Friday to Sunday, January 23 to 25.

A spokesperson for the Highways Agency said: "Safety is our top priority and last year we carried out a detailed study into the section of the M58 between Junctions 3 and 1. Our study found that surface water had been collecting on the westbound carriageway in wet weather, partly due to the specific geometry in the area."

Highways Agency staff carry out the resurfacing work on the M58

John Connelly, who also contacted the Champion after reading about David Dale's accident, said he had 'aqua–planed' along the same stretch of the M58 in February last year and also rolled down the embankment.

He believes he was lucky to get out alive and says that the work should have been done sooner.

He said: "My car skidded on water – even though it wasn't raining at the time – and spun and rolled from the middle lane and down the embankment.

"I suffered broken ribs, a tear in my stomach muscles, cuts to my head and shock.

"When I had struggled out of the car, a man was stood nearby calling the police. I thought he had come to help me but unbelieveably his car had rolled down the embankment just minutes before me and I had actually come flying off the M58 and rolled down as he was waiting at the top of the bank for the police to investigate his accident!

"I thought I was lucky to survive – but he was even luckier that I didn't hit him.

"That stretch of road is an absolute nightmare. I'm pleased this work has been done but it should have been done a long time ago."

Police defend 'small charge' for calls to non–emergency line

By **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Police have defended the practice of charging for calls to the non–emergency 101 number after a member of the public claimed it was likely to discourage people from reporting crimes or lead them to ring 999 instead.

Elaine Clark from Skelmersdale contacted the Champion after receiving her phone bill and discovering she had been charged 30p for two calls to the police to report windows left open over the weekend at a local school.

She said: "When my phone bill came in I was surprised to see I had been billed 15p per call. According to gov.uk this is the standard cost. Surely charging in this way will discourage good deed acts, or worse, encourage people to use the free 999 number for non–urgent situations."

However, a spokesman for Lancashire Police responded: "101 gives the public a memorable number that makes crime easier to report. Research shows that a small charge won't discourage people calling, but will reduce the likelihood of it being used inappropriately."

Police advise people to use 101 when the situation is less urgent than a 999 call. They say residents should call 101 to report crime that does not require an emergency response such as a car being stolen, property being damaged, suspicion of drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood, reporting a minor traffic collision, providing information about crime in your area or general enquiries.

They say 999 should only be used in an emergency, for example when a crime is happening.

Cobbs Brow School headteacher Annette Hirst with staff and some of their young charges outside the new timber building.
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New nursery proves a hit

A RECENTLY–opened nursery for two to three–year–olds is proving a hit with parents and youngsters alike.

The Tiny Acorns Room is a purpose–built log cabin extension to the Cobbs Brow Little Acorns nursery situated on the site of Cobbs Brow School in Manfield, Ashurst, offering care and learning for funded and fee–paying parents and carers in the community.

Mrs Hirst, provider of Little Acorns nursery and head teacher of Cobbs Brow School, said: "After only a short time the nursery is almost full and we are receiving lots of positive comments about the provision and how much the children are enjoying the sessions."

Mums' helping hand for young homeless

Mothers' Union members present the equipment. **Code1076281**

MEMBERS of a local Christian charity group have donated domestic equipment to a centre for the town's young homeless.

The Skelmersdale's St Paul's Mothers' Union handed over 14 basic kitchen cleaning kits to The Birchwood Centre.

These will be used as and when young people move into their own accommodation with support from the Heversham–based centre.

Barbara Jones, the Mothers' Union branch leader, said: "The Birchwood Centre do an amazing job, as we found out when the manager Barbara Mooney visited our branch. She was able to tell us about the help that is given to the young people from our town who, for whatever reason, find themselves homeless.

"One of our many aims is to promote conditions in society favourable to family life and the protection of young people. By supporting The Birchwood Centre we are, in a small way, helping to fulfil that aim."

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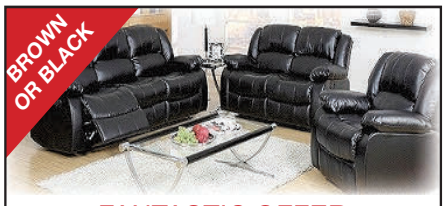

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More drink–drivers caught in Christmas breath test campaign

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The number of people caught drink–driving in West Lancashire is higher than last year

THE number of motorists in West Lancashire found to be over the drink–drive limit during December 2014 more than doubled from the previous year.

More than 150 people in the county as a whole were caught drink–driving as part of Lancashire Constabulary's Christmas campaign.

A total of 5,012 breath tests were administered across the county throughout last month with 153 people found to be over the legal limit and four refusing to provide a specimen, a failure rate of 3.1%.

In West Lancashire over the same period, a total of 2,493 of breath tests were administered with 57 drivers found to be over the limit, a rate of 2.3%.

This is more than the year before, when 2,155 drivers in West Lancashire took the test with 27 drivers failing, a rate of 1.3%.

The annual crackdown on drink–driving saw high–profile activity take place around–the–clock across the county. However, in contrast to previous years, officers adopted a different approach.

Superintendent Jon Puttock said: "This year's Christmas drink–drive campaign saw us adopt a more targeted, intelligence–led approach. As a result, we carried out fewer breath tests than in previous years, meaning it is difficult to make any direct comparisons.

"But what we would say is that 153 people caught drink–driving is 153 people too many. People who choose to drink and drive not only put their own lives in serious danger, but the lives of everyone around them.

"We will continue to carry out regular enforcement activity and take action against those who continue to break the law."

Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, said: "Every single one of Lancashire's residents should recognise the dangers of getting behind the wheel after drinking – whether it is the same night or the morning after.

"I am delighted the constabulary's targeted approach has led to people who should not be on the roads being caught, but I am disappointed the message is still failing to get through to so many people.

"If you do drink–drive you risk ruining your life – and you could potentially end someone else's."

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Band strikes silver and scoops 'grand' boost

The Skelmersdale Prize Band

MEMBERS of a talented musical ensemble have struck silver in a prestigious national contest.

The Skelmersdale Prize Band made the 180–mile trip across the Pennines to take part in the Butlin's Mineworkers Brass Band Championship and despite facing stiff competition from bands from across the country they impressed the judges to take second place – and a cheque for £1,000.

The band, whose players' ages range from 14 to 70, performed a piece entitled Five French Masters, which is about works of arts by famous Gallic artists Pissarro, Cezanne, Monet, Renoir and Toulouse–Lautrec.

Band treasurer, Ken Haworth, said:

Report by **Henry James**

"We were really pleased with second place at the event which was contested by some top bands from all over the country.

"We had been given the piece of music we were to perform a few months before and had been working hard on it over Christmas and it all came together on the day.

"Our peformance was remarked upon by the adjudicators of the competition. They said they were particularly impressed with our conductor, David Chapman's interpretation of the music."

The Butlin's contest rounded off a busy period for the band, which is based at Hutton Road, Old Skelmersdale, having played a Christmas concert at the famous St George's Hall in Liverpool and performing festive carols at Tesco in Burscough and Taylor's Farm in Lathom to raise funds.

Ken added: "We were really pleased to play in the concert room at St George's Hall – we've never played anywhere like that before.

"We also want to thank the customers and management of Tesco in Burscough for supporting us and Taylor's Farm for allowing us to play there."

Super slimmer Stacey is shaping up for a busier social life in year ahead

Report by **Henry James**

SUPER slimmer Stacey Dalton is looking forward to getting out and about more in 2015 after shedding more than five stones and going from a dress size 22 to 14.

For the 33–year–old, who made the amazing transformation less than 12 months after joining the Ashurst Slimming World group, admits that before she was reluctant to go out because she was so unhappy about the way she looked.

And she says family and friends can hardly believe the change in her – both inside and out!

Stacey, from Skelmersdale, said: "I've not been in a size 14 in years and it feels great. Before II sometimes felt so unhappy and desperate about the way I looked that I didn't even want to go out."

And she is determined that her 'slinky' new self is here to stay throughout 2015 – and beyond.

"She said: "I've got a completely new lifestyle now. I've learned how to make delicious and filling healthy meals and I never feel deprived because I can still have a glass of wine or a bar of chocolate if I fancy it.

"I'm much more active too, I love walking and swimming now."

Slimmer Stacey is proud of her weight loss

She also intends to keep attending her Slimming World group every week. "Everyone's been so supportive, especially my consultant. I can't imagine not going to the group, I've made so many friends there and I couldn't have done so well without their support so I want help others to reach their targets as well.

"We have a laugh too, it's a great night out."

Pupils rise to energy sector skills challenge

PUPILS from a Skelmersdale secondary school have teamed up with a leading energy company to build a power station – but it's only a model!

The Year 9 youngsters from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College joined forces with E. On to construct the replica as part of the energy company's interactive Energy Experience education programme.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) challenge day introduced pupils to the type of skills required to work in the energy sector, while completing a series of tasks to design and build parts of a model power station.

Mark Seddon, design technology teacher at the Glenburn Road school, said: "We appreciate being able to offer our pupils alternative ways to learn and E. On's STEM workshop covered the topic of biomass and power stations in a really interactive fashion.

"Getting the pupils to design and then build elements of the power station was a great way for them to learn."

Billie Poole, senior community relations officer at E. On, said: "As it isn't always possible to take a year group into one of our power stations, we developed the STEM workshop to take into schools instead. It has been designed to support the National Science Curriculum with practical elements intended to enable young people to learn about energy in a hands–on and fun way."

Bank awards £100 grant to Skem charity

A CHARITY for adults with learning disabilities has been awarded a £100 grant by a national bank.

West Lancs Positive Living were nominated for a donation from the Wigan branch of the Yorkshire Building Society by Alan Grice, a supporter of the charity.

To mark the Yorkshire Building Society Group's 150th anniversary, they invited charities nationally to apply for a share of £150,000 to help them support their community further.

The charity, which is based in Westgate, Skelmersdale, plans to use the grant towards caravan holidays for members.

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Eyes down... Bickerstaffe residents enjoy a night of bingo at the refurbished mission.

THE second phase of a project to upgrade a village hall has been completed, with the help of a major donation from a community fund.

Members of the Bickerstaffe Mission management are celebrating the successful completion of phase two of the project which included the painting and decorating of the main hall, installation of two wall–mounted heating units and the laying of flags from the rear door to a storage shed.

Bickerstaffe Mission is the base for a range of community–related facilities and is used by a number of local groups including the Women's Institute, Mothers' Union, Crafty Corner, a luncheon club, Brownies, a Bible study group, a Greek class and the parish council.

In addition, local families use the facility for birthday celebrations, funeral gatherings and general get–togethers, while mission management team employ it for fundraising events such as prize bingo, quiz nights and jumble sales.

The overall cost of the project was £7,042 on which £6,642 was supplied by the Whitemoss fund, which is supported by Whitemoss Landfill Limited.

Arthur Gore, chairman of the mission management team, commented: "The funding from the Whitemoss Community Fund was the key factor in the project being taken forward and I would like to say a big thank–you for that source of funding."

Local groups interested in funding from the Whitemoss Community Fund should visit www.grantscape.org.uk or call Liz Payne 01282 603842 for more details. The next application deadline is Monday, March 16.

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‘Don’t miss out on smear test’ plea

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WOMEN in West Lancs are being urged to make sure they don’t miss out on cervical screening.

The call comes from the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to mark National Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (January 25 to 31).

In England, women aged between 25 and 64 are eligible for a free NHS cervical screening, known as a smear test, every three to five years.

Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women aged under 35 but around 20% of women do not attend their cervical screening.

One in three young women aged 25 to 29 fail to attend their screening when invited.

It is possible to have cervical cancer without having any symptoms which makes screening even more important.

Symptoms to look out for include abdominal bleeding, post–menopausal bleeding, unusual discharge, discomfort/pain during sex aand lower back pain.

Screening, also known as a smear test, is a test to check the health of the cells of the cervix.

Most results show nothing abnormal, but for around one in 20 women the test will show some changes in the cells.

It is recommended that women who are between the ages of 25 and 49 are screened every three years, and women between the ages of 50 and 64 are screened every five years.

To receive your invitation, you need to make sure you are registered with a GP and your contact details are up to date.

Dr Jack Kinsey, local GP and NHS West Lancashire CCG board member, said: “In the UK, more than 3,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year. Identifying the cancer early – like most cancers – can save your life.

“While cervical cancer doesn’t always present any symptoms, the symptoms that do show don’t always mean it’s cervical cancer but it’s best to get checked out.”

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The award, by the charity initiative Toilet Twinning, was made in recognition of efforts by community groups across the town to fund toilets in developing countries.

Representatives of churches, schools, businesses and community groups joined civic dignitaries for a special celebration service. Many brought with them their Toilet Twinning certificates, showing photos of the latrines they had helped fund in poor countries.

Presenting Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson, with the award, Toilet Twinning chief executive Lorraine Kingsley thanked the people of Skelmersdale for their generosity and hard work.

She said: “The people of Skelmersdale were so wonderfully enthusiastic about Toilet Twinning and so many people came up to me afterwards to tell me of their plans for future fundraising.

Lorraine Kinglsey (2nd left) presents the certificate to the mayor watched by the mayoress, Cllr. Ruth Melling and Rev. Chris Spittle **Code1076320**

They have no intention of stopping any time soon.”

Reverend Chris Spittle, vicar of St Paul’ Church, first introduced the Toilet Twinning initiative when he joined the church in 2011. Since then he and his congregation have inspired many other churches and groups to engage with the initiative and raise funds. So far, more than 60 toilets at venues across the town have been twinned.

He said said: “Supporting the Toilet Twinning initiative has really brought the town together. It started with the churches of Skelmersdale and Up Holland, but it has been great to see schools, the scouts, community centres, care homes, shops and businesses, our mayor and MP all willing to get involved.

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The sick are paying the price for Duncan Smith's maladministration

DISABILITY Living Allowance (DLA), which is a benefit that anyone with a disability or a long–term health condition can claim whether they are employed or not, is being replaced by Personal Independence Payment (PIP). This is the work of the Conservative MP Iain Duncan Smith. It is my view that this is simply a money–saving exercise and one that will have, and is having, a detrimental affect on those in need.

The PIP catastrophe is just the most extreme of Duncan Smith's disasters. Nothing – not one of his programmes – has worked as planned.

Macmillan Cancer Support reports delays in Iain Duncan Smith's new Personal Independence Payments (PIP) leave the sick "utterly destitute." In short, PIP is an administrative calamity.

The public accounts committee (PAC) queried why Atos won the contract to run it with its record of failure. PAC also unearthed Atos's tender for the PIP contract and found it had been "grossly misleading", pretending to have hundreds of test centres inside hospitals, when in reality it had very few.

The latest figures from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) show that 220,000 made PIP claims, but less than a fifth were processed. Macmillan say people have died waiting.

The 5% of cases dealt with as priority under "special rules" are those with a doctor's letter certifying they'll die within six months. Macmillan says it's hard to know when people will die – six months or two years. Doctors rightly can't write such a letter for someone who hasn't asked for a specific death date. People need the money right now, regardless of the ghoulish prognosis demanded by DWP.

Recently Duncan Smith appeared on the Andrew Marr TV show and was challenged over the PIP backlog. He waved it away airily. "Oh, it'll all be sorted by the autumn", he claimed. "Nothing to worry about."

I say why not pay claimants the old DLA until it's fixed? Why should sick people pay the price for his maladministration?

It is not my intention to scare people but if you're receiving DLA, even if you were awarded it indefinitely, you will be re–assessed. Make sure you take advice from Citizens Advice or Welfare Rights. Millionaire Iain Duncan Smith has simply moved the goalposts to suit, in my view, his own twisted agenda.

Joseph Welsh,
Tanhouse, Skelmersdale

Survival rates not encouraging for political defectors

SO we now have another attempt to revive a failing political career by the creation of one's own political party 'Our West Lancashire', in the hope, one imagines, that a whole host of doting admirers will flock to the new banner recognising the unique talents of its creator.

The precedents in West Lancashire for this survival strategy are not, however, encouraging. The electorate seldom reward this selfless sacrifice at the ballot box – the easily–forgotten 'West Lancs First' being an example, as none of the seven defectors from the Labour Party into a coalition with Tories secured election under their new flag.

Party–hoppers have been more successful – amazingly discovering total belief in Labour policies just at a time when Labour was enthusiastically embracing converts.

I'm sure that these defectors have the highest of motives, after all who was it said 'the most noble gesture a man can make is that he lay down the lives of his friends in the cause of his own survival'?

Should other malcontents consider copying the example of modesty the two examples above demonstrate, and in order to give access to a passing bandwagon, I would suggest they assume the title Je Suis West Lancashire.

**Alderman Alan Bullen,
by email**

PICTURE of the week

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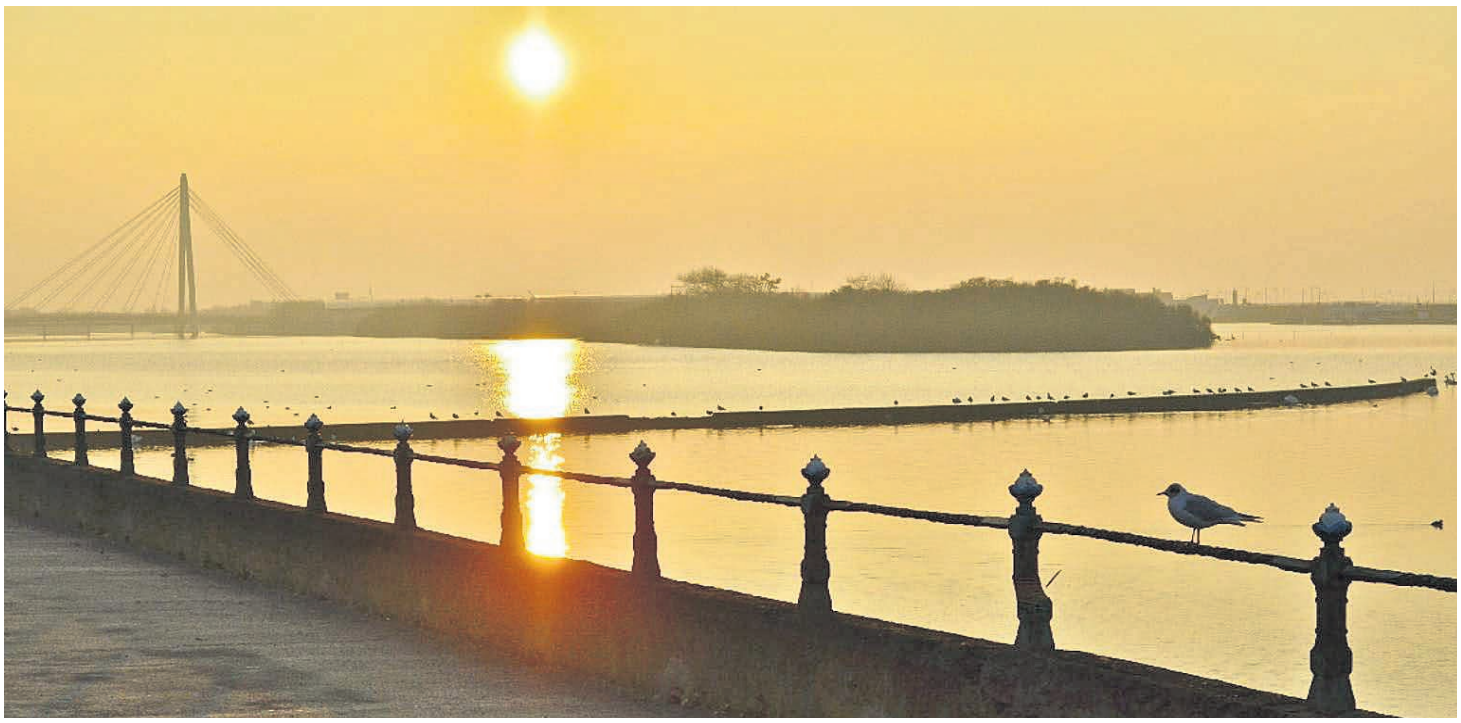

The mid–winter sun makes a watery appearance over Southport's Marine Lake. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1076488.

Motorway stretch is a death trap

MY 21–year–old daughter had a serious crash on the M58 at around 10.15pm on October 21 last year.

She was extremely lucky and eventually escaped from the car with minor injuries through the back near–side window after being suspended upside down with her seatbelt.

We have pictures of the car after the accident and it is hard to see anyone surviving the crash.

However, the main impact was at the back and passenger side and, along with the safety rating of the car, these are obviously what saved her.

Once again it was standing water that was the cause as she aquaplaned from the first lane into the central barrier flipping the car over onto its roof into the fast lane.

That there are no lights on the motorway doesn't help matters and only the fact that it is a quiet motorway prevented it from becoming a multi–vehicle pile–up.

Both ambulance and police were in attendance and the motorway closed until the incident had been dealt with.

She has to travel on this stretch of motorway nearly every day, as do I.

Only a week later I saw a car in the field that had probably suffered the same fate.

Then I saw the sign asking for witnesses to the accident on Boxing Day.

The accidents are always in the same place and combined with darkness and bad weather.

It's a death trap and a lottery who the next victim will be. Anybody who doesn't know the history is particularly vulnerable.

**Kathryn Riches,
by email**

School staff and pupils are a source of pride

ON a cold, wet morning it was lovely to open the Champion (January 7) and read such a glowing report (plus super photogaph) concerning the success of of Parbold Douglas Church of England Academy.

We should indeed be proud of our local schools and the excellent tuition and guidance that our young people are receiving from the dedicated teachers who care for them.

I was a little surprised that it wasn't on your front page – but maybe next time!

Thelma Sanders,
Alderbrook Drive, Parbold

Our taxpayers deserve some answers from the council

I HAVE some points for West Lancashire Borough Council which require answers, which they seem reluctant to give to the local taxpayers.

1. Now that the financial cuts imposed by central government have taken place, with more to come, and jobs and services reduced or abandoned, why does the West Lancs Council still need TWO chief executive officers when even metro councils manage with one?

2. With reduced services, there should be a significant reduction in the number of management committees and council meetings. This should have led to a significant reduction in the financial allowances of council members and the savings made known.

3. There has to be an explanation of how the 'privatised' services can support directors' fees and shareholder' dividends and at the same time be 'uneconomic' when provided by the council – e.g. refuse collection and recycling, building maintenance and some aspects of social cervices.

4. With the withdrawal of some public transport services and the reduction in the use of the NOW cards, what are the borough council proposing to do with the savings in 'ring–fenced' funds provided by central government, as well as the surplus accrued by under–spending in recent years?

5. Is it now time for West Lancashire Borough Council to bring the level of remuneration to councillors to the same level of those other councils in the same county who are of a similar size?

Name and address supplied, Lathom

Hedges hazard

I SHOULD be grateful if people who own hedges adjacent to pavements and roads would make every effort to cut the hedge back, preferably before birds starts nesting.

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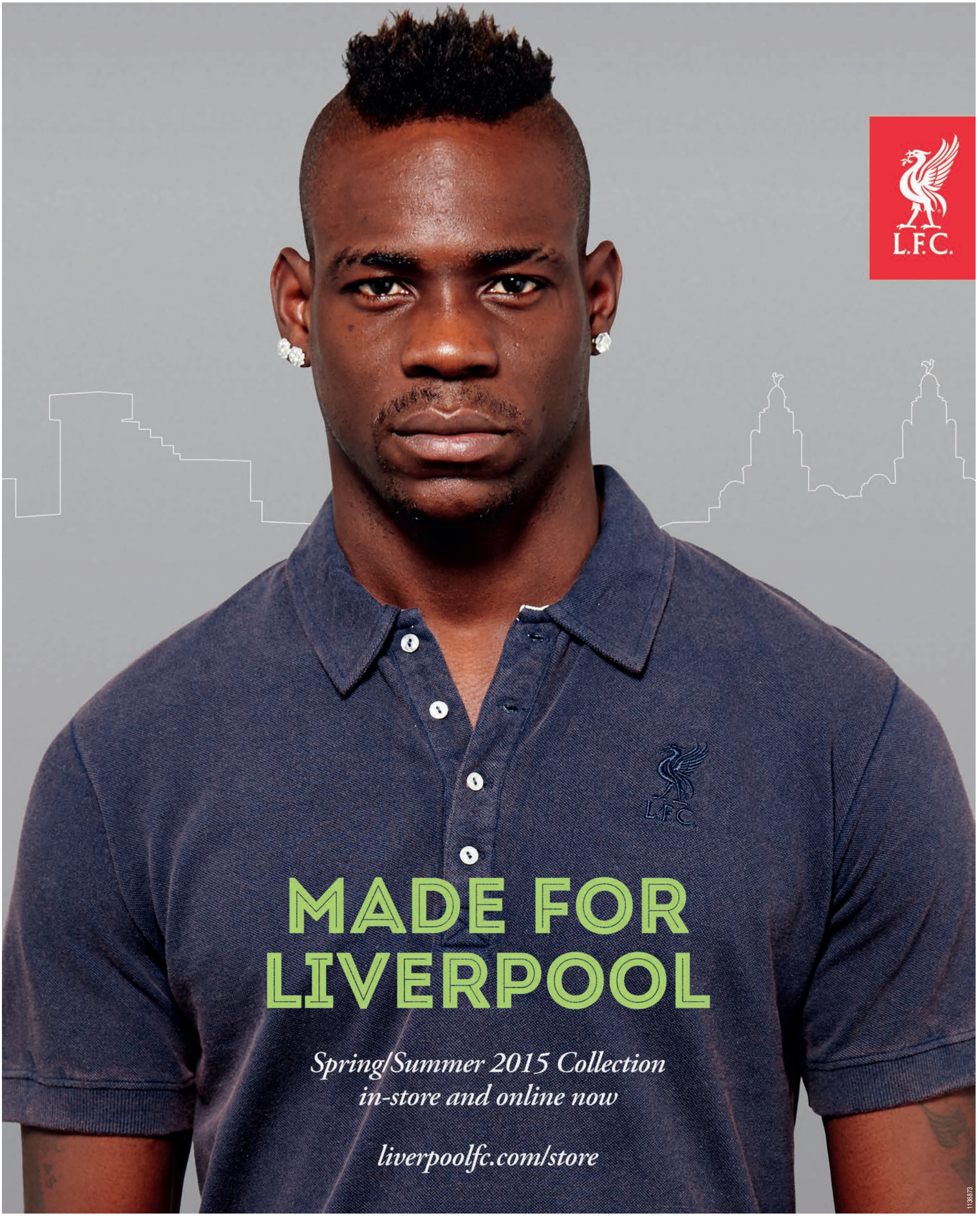
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Health chiefs seek feedback on cancer care

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

HEALTH officials are organising a special event to enable cancer patients and their families and carers to tell them what they think about the care they received in hospital.

Jackie Brunton, cancer services manager at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "We want to hear what was good and bad, how it made the patient feel and how it affected their experience of care.

"The event will centre on one–to–one conversations between patients and staff. To encourage as much openness as possible, the staff taking part won't have been involved in the patients' care.

"After the conversations, patients and staff will work together to establish any themes and develop ideas and suggestions for the Trust to consider."

The event, which is supported by Macmillan Cancer Support, will be held on Thursday, February 5 from 11am to 1.30pm at the Salvation Army, 65, Shakespeare Street, Southport.

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided and parking expenses will be paid.

To book a place email janette.mills1@nhs.net or call 01704 705270.

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'Glamping' site plan for woodland

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A PLANNING appliction has been submitted to turn woodland in Lathom into a campsite.

The applicant, Ian Holland, is proposing to turn the area known as Alice's Plantation, at the rear of Watkinson's Farm on Hall Lane, into a 'glamping' campsite.

Glamping – short for glamorous camping – a form of camping involving accommodation and facilities more luxurious than those usually associated with the pastime, such as permanent tents, huts or treehouses, has become increasingly more popular in recent years.

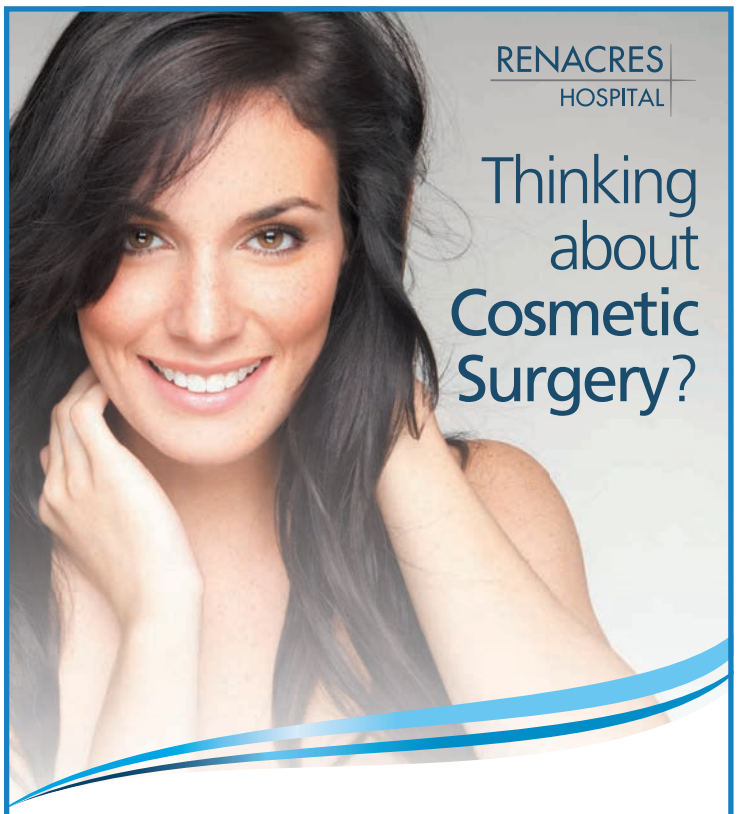
The proposals for the Alice's Plantation site include the erection of 12 bell tents, each measuring five metres across, 12 individual toilets and six showers.

The project would also involve clearing trees and plants from a small area in the plantation

Although the woodland has the potential to support nesting birds, roosting bats, toads, frogs, hedgehog and red squirrel, the application states that it is unlikely that these would be affected by the plans.

To reach the site, campers would use an existing access track and area of mown improved grassland. The plans also include creating a new car park.

West Lancs Council is expected to make a decision on the application by Friday, February 6.



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Healthy turnout at group's first meeting of new year

The speakers at the Breathe Easy group's first meeting of 2015

THERE was a good turnout for the first meeting of the new year of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group, despite the inclement weather and a number of members suffering from colds and flu.

Visiting speaker, Katie Merrick, service development manager for the British Lung Foundation in the region, gave a brief outline of how the BLF started 30 years ago and how she came to take up her role.

She was joined by Jeremy Bacon, from BLF's Midlands region who spoke about a new project aimed at increasing the reach of the foundation's patient support groups.

Everyone was asked to complete a questionnaire regarding their specific health requirements and these will be forwarded to the University of Kent, which is conductiing the project, for inclusion.

Doreen Hughes from West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy group, said: "The university are working with about 45 groups nationwide so we are very fortunate to have been chosen to be involved with this important research."

Feedback was also taken from those who attend the group as 'carers' as this information will also be sent to the researchers.

The next meeting of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group will be held on Monday, February 16 when Beatrice Heyes from Yewdale Consulting will address the group.

Respiratory nurse, Pat Fairclough, will also be present. It is hoped Pat will attend the majority of the monthly meetings to give professional help and advice where necessary.

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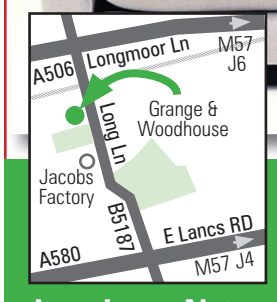

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Residents urged to sign anti–fracking petition

AN anti–fracking campaigner is calling on West Lancashire residents to sign a national petition to stop plans for a change in the law that would make it easier for gas companies to access the land under people's homes.

Regina Luxembourg, who organised several public meetings last year in Skelmersdale on the side–effects of hydraulic fracturing, is urging residents to back campaign group 38 Degrees' online petition urging MPs to vote against changes to trespass laws that would allow companies to drill under homes without permission while fracking.

She said: "The government are trying to change the rules, they want to be able to drill underneath our homes without our permission. Fracking has already caused local earthquakes when tested in Lancashire. But if we can get our MPs to vote against changing the laws we can stop the plan in its tracks."

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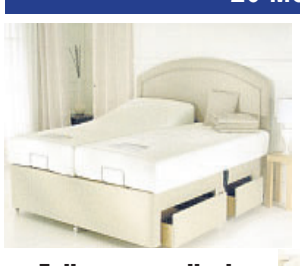

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Birthing article sheds light on changing times and attitudes

ONE interesting thing about getting older is that you increasingly notice things and attitudes that have changed out of all recognition in what is really only quite a short space of time.

What brought this on was a national newspaper story which said that British scientists have found that a woman having her man by her side when giving birth can actually increase the amount of pain she suffers.

Now I am certainly not going to get involved in that – I cannot conceive (yes, I know) what a woman suffers at that time, and I have no idea whether these scientists are talking out of the back of their heads or not.

No, what interested me was an intro to the story, which claimed that most women would dread the thought of giving birth without their partner (horrible word) by their sides.

But when my then wife was giving birth to our son in the mid 1960s, the very idea that any husband should be present would have been regarded with horror. The man was supposed to be pacing the lino, or down at the pub, or in fact anywhere but by his wife's side at this traumatic time in her life.

As I said, I don't want to stick my oar into the argument one way or the other. Except to say that I know that personally, on the few occasions that I have experienced real pain, the last thing I wanted was anyone – anyone at all – faffing around my bed of pain unless they could administer a remedy for it.

But, times and attitudes change quickly; whether for better or worse can usually be only a matter of personal opinion.

Some though come about strictly through scientific progress.

It still amazes me when walking through a supermarket car park at night that drivers will climb into their vehicles and the first thing they do is switch on the car's main lights.

That, I know, is fine but back again to the mid–1960s and such behaviour would have probably resulted in a flat battery and any frozen food you might have purchased thawing while you searched for a kindly soul to give you a push.

The same scientific rule applies to my Norfolk Broads cruiser, 'Manxman' too.

When my parents first hired her – as 'Golden Light 6' – she had but two car batteries which had to supply power not only for all interior light, water pumps, TV if you had one – and then cross your fingers and hope there was enough juice left to turn over an old–fashioned lump of a diesel engine in the morning.

You planned your meals so that everything that required running water for cooking should be done while you were still on the move the afternoon before.

And even after we first bought her, if you navigated at night you made absolutely sure that you'd turned off the navigating lights (which are fairly profligate of electricity) before you stopped the engine.

And all for the same reason that you started your car engine before contemplating switching the lights on because back then you had an inefficient dynamo to charge your battery.

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Sisters found guilty of dangerous dogs charge

TWO sisters have been found guilty of being in charge of dangerously out of control dogs at a hearing at Ormskirk Magistrates Court.

Felicia Sumner, 21, and 20–year–old Kayleigh Sumner pleased not guilty to the charges but were both found guilty by magistrates and sentenced to a six–month conditional discharge and must each pay a £15 victim surcharge.

Police attended the Scott Estate in Ormskirk on May 16 last year after reports that two dogs were running around out of control.

The court heard that the dogs bit several neighbours before they were brought under control.

The fate of the dogs will be decided at a separate hearing on Monday, February 2.

MP charts progress of pumping station's £5m refurbishment project

Report by **Daniele Thompson**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has enjoyed a tour of the Crossens Pumping Station and an update on the £5million refurbishment project as part of her ongoing campaign to tackle flooding issues in the borough.

She was met by representatives from the Environment Agency, including flood and coastal risk manager, Andy Brown and John Hunt, team leader on the refurbishment, who told her about watercourse management, progress on an internal drainage board for West Lancs and the challenges on drainage management and flooding.

Rosie Cooper said: "Crossens pumping station is a vital part of our water management helping farming and to protect homes from flooding. It's great how the Environment Agency has brought Lancashire County Council, Sefton Council, West Lancs Council and the National Farmers Union together to discuss long–term flood risk management and funding for the Alt Crossens area"

And Andy Brown commented: "With such major refurbishment taking place, it is important we are keeping good communication channels with local interested parties.

" We have always had a good working relationship with Rosie, responding to flooding issues and concerns across West Lancashire, and we are optimistic with her support, future arrangements can be put in place to continue to manage flood risk and land drainage in the low–lying, rural areas of the Alt Crossens catchment."

Rosie Cooper with Andy Brown and John Hunt at the Crossens Pumping Station

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Police 'union' says more job cuts will put public at risk

Report by **Henry James**

FURTHER cuts to policing in the county could have "devastating consequences" and put the safety of the public at risk, officials of the Lancashire Police Federation have warned.

In 2009, Lancashire had 3,650 police officers. This figure is predicted to fall to 2,400 by 2021, meaning a loss of 1,250 officers.

Rachel Baines, chairman of the Lancashire Federation, the staff association representing the interests of all officers up to and including chief inspectors, said: "These cuts are ludicrous. This will not only mean the end of the police service as we know it, but could have devastating consequences for the public."

Federation chiefs have launched a county–wide campaign to oppose the level of the cuts which they believe are too deep and are bound to put the public at risk.

They also warned that a reduction in frontline police officers will make it more difficult to respond to incidents, making it a 'field day for criminals'.

"We are seriously worried about policing in this county – and not just as officers, but also as residents," added Rachel Baines.

"We fear for the safety of the public in Lancashire because we won't be able to do the job as it should be done.

"If anyone tries to assure the public that losing over 1,250 police officers is not going to have an effect on frontline policing then they are deluded.

"People are going to see a vast reduction in the visible presence of police on the streets. That will mean fewer officers to respond to incidents and also a big reduction in neighbourhood policing.

"That is a lot of officers and, even spread over the county, it is bound to have a huge effect on our ability to police properly.

"There will have to be a reduction in the level of service we can offer, some incidents will simply not be responded to. This is not what the public of Lancashire deserve.

"We know that the economic situation is tough and we accept everyone has to share in the cutbacks. But to slash the police service in Lancashire by so much, is too much.

"We really need the government to listen to us. We are not scaremongering, public safety should not be gambled with, we need enough officers to do the job properly.

"In light of the current threat level it seems even more perverse that those entrusted with the safety of our country should be cut to such an extent."

Meanwhile, Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has written to Home Secretary, Theresa May, urging a re–think over police cuts.

This is part of the commissioner's official response to the Home Office's consultation into its grant allocations, which was announced just before Christmas. He has also written to the county's MPs urging them to support his stance.

In the letter to the Home Secretary, Mr Grunshaw argues that police budgets are bearing an unfair level of cuts due to the fact that other public budgets are protected.

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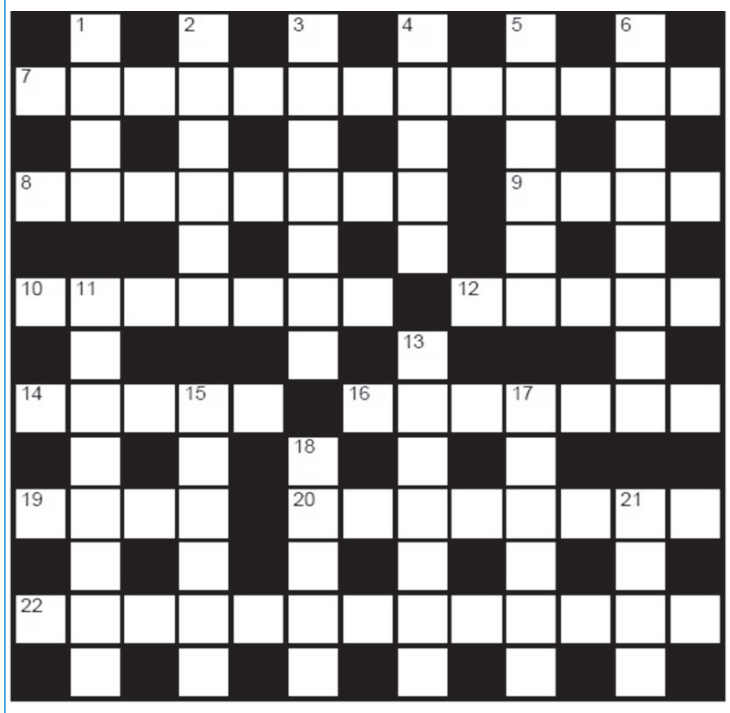

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7 Unrefined (5-3-5)
8 Constant movement backwards and forwards (2,3,3)
9 Requirement (4)
10 Deadlock, stalemate (7)
12 UK Prime Minister born in 1953 (5)
14 Put into practice (5)
16 Causing laughter (7)
19 Small wingless jumping insect (4)
20 Desk pots containing writing fluid (8)
22 The practice of co-ordinating a theatrical production (5-8)

DOWN

1 American term for a person with no permanent home (4)
2 Landlocked East African country (6)
3 Freshwater or marine creature with whisker-like barbels round the mouth (7)
4 Spanish term for goodbye (5)
5 Dog shelter (6)
6 The action of sticking to a surface or object (8)
11 Large single upright block of stone serving as a pillar or monument (8)
13 Habit now banned in all enclosed work places in the UK (7)
15 Rugged, uneven (6)
17 Santa's mode of transport (6)
18 18th letter in Greek alphabet (5)
21 Species of wild cat (4)

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Businesses urged to make workplace safety a priority

OFFICIALS of a national safety watchdog which is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2015 are calling for businesses in Lancashire to prioritise the health and well–being of their workers this year.

Figures released by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) show that there was one workplace death in the county last year, while 1,943 people suffered injuries. This compares with one fatality and 1,985 inuries the previous year.

And although this continues the ongoing downward trend since the HSE was formally established in January 1975, employers in the county are being urged to review whether they can do more to protect their workforce.

The HSE was formed to implement the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the statute that underpins all health and safety legislation and is credited with making the UK one of the safest places to work in the world.

Those involved in construction, manufacturing and waste and recycling are most at risk today, with agriculture another industry where sustained improvement is needed.

HSE chair Judith Hackitt

Areas of particular concern include falls from height, work on machinery that is poorly maintained and guarded and failing to properly manage workplace transport.

Steven Smith, the HSE's head of operations for the North West, said: "Although the figures offer encouragement that we are continuing to head in the right direction, they also show that we can still go further and challenge the industries where there is room to do more.

"Workplace conditions have improved dramatically in the past four decades, but as employers plan and prepare for the new financial year they need to ensure that health, safety and welfare is a clear focus."

HSE chair, Judith Hackitt, added: "In the 40 years since HSE was formed, we've worked with businesses, workers and government to make Britain a healthier and safer place to work. We must recognise that there is still a big challenge to prevent the suffering which does still occur.

"However, in HSE's 40th year it is right that we acknowledge the progress we've made and look to a future of striving to bring down these statistics even further."

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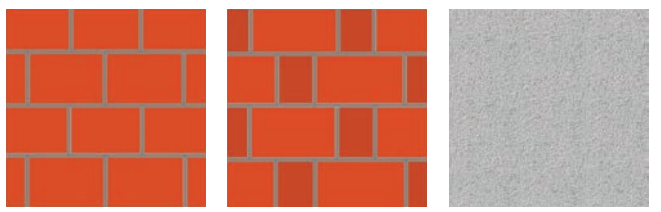

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The tale is told through a whole horde of Rock Anthems known and loved by all ages – hits by acts such as Guns 'n' Roses, Bon Jovi, AC/DC, Meat Loaf, Queen and many more.

Vampires Rock creator and star, Steve Steinman, said: "The problem with a lot of musicals is that you have to see them a few times before you know the songs and can sing along, but the singing along is the fun part.

"I wanted to create something where you could come to the show and be part of it.

"Over the years the years we've added more dancers, more costumes, more pyrotechnics and we've introduced fire dancing and a silk dancing routine as well.

" We always keep the tours fresh by changing some of the songs that feature, of course there's some that'l never be missed out – I don't think we'd ever get away with not doing Bat Out of Hell, the fans wouldn't stand for that!"

In 2005 the show embarked on its first arena tour. Steinman added: "I wouldn't say Vampires Rock is a cult, but once you've been to see it you keep coming back – there's definitely a Vampires Rock Family – there are people that travel all over to see us, there's even people with Baron Von Rockula and Pandora tattoos – that's the level of commitment the fans have."

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Chloe Bass who is appearing in Vampires Rock

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Nursing home celebrates Breakfast Week campaign with special event

STAFF at Stocks Hall Nursing Home in Skelmersdale are celebrating Breakfast Week (January 25–31) by hosting a special event with friends and families.

As well as tucking into a healthy breakfast, residents will be looking to reminisce over places they have visited.

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MP backs call for tougher action on illegal animal trade

ROSIE Cooper has pledged her support for a call for tougher action to stamp out the illegal online trade in wild animals and their parts.

The West Lancs MP spoke out after the parliamentary launch of a report by The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) showing how thousands of endangered species are bought and sold on the Internet, many advertised without any form of supporting documentation.

The report, 'Wanted – Dead or Alive, Exposing Online Wildlife Trade' reveals that an intense six–week investigation last year found a total of 33,006 endangered wildlife and wildlife parts and products for sale on 280 websites across 16 countries.

In the UK, there were 1,087 online advertisements offering 1,603 items for sale including ivory and suspected ivory, turtles, tortoises, owls, exotic birds, monkeys and parts and products from elephants, rhinos, hippos, crocodiles, alligators and big cats. The items were valued at more than £300,000.

More than two thirds of adverts were for wildlife parts and products rather than live animals.

IFAW found the legality of almost 13 per cent of the nearly 9,500 advertisements investigated was sufficiently doubtful to warrant turning these over to law enforcers for further examination. However this may only be the tip of the iceberg.

Rosie Cooper said: "I wish to commend the International Fund for Animal Welfare on producing this shocking report that shows the devastating effect of the online trade on wildlife across the world. I am offering my support for tougher measures and the strongest possible enforcement of the law to clamp down on this organised criminal activity."

Public's views sought on breast cancer services

Report by **Henry James**

OFFICIALS of local health bodies are seeking the public's views about breast cancer care services in the borough following the closure of Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust's service to new patients from September last year.

From mid–January to mid–February, the NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and West Lancashire CCG will be attending a series of public events and running a survey inviting views on the changes at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, people's experience of local breast cancer services and suggestions for the future of the service.

Dr Rob Caudwell, chair of NHS Southport and Formby CCG and a local GP, said: "Since the closure of Southport & Ormskirk's service to new patients due to difficulties recruiting a radiologist, the CCGs' priority has been to work with the hospital and other local trusts to ensure continued high–quality and timely breast care for all new and existing patients.

"Patients requiring follow–up appointments have continued to be seen at Southport & Ormskirk, while arrangements were quickly put in place so that new patients could be seen at other hospitals of their choice.

"We're welcoming views from everyone about all local breast care services, not just those delivered in Southport and Ormskirk."

The CCGs are now inviting comments and suggestions about all breast care services to allow them to fully understand what patients' views are on the services they are receiving and to make sure the options available to patients in the future are the best they can be.

Actions

Although it is not possible to re–introduce all elements of the breast care service to Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, views sought during these discussions will help the two CCGs to address which parts of the service may be provided more locally again in the future.

Dr Jack Kinsey, local GP and board member of NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "It's vital that we not only take these next few weeks as the opportunity to listen to the views and experiences of our local communities, but also as our chance to ensure those concerned understand what actions we have taken since to ensure their continued high–quality care.

"To support this involvement process, we have produced a leaflet explaining everything and are holding a few events across Southport, Formby and West Lancashire. There is also a survey in place to allow us to listen to as many people as we can. If you have a specific request or would like us to come and talk to you, we would like you to get in touch."

To read the leaflet about local breast services and complete the survey, visit either of the CCG websites, www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk or www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk.

If you don't have access to the Internet but would like to know more, you can contact the patient experience team on 0800 218 2333.

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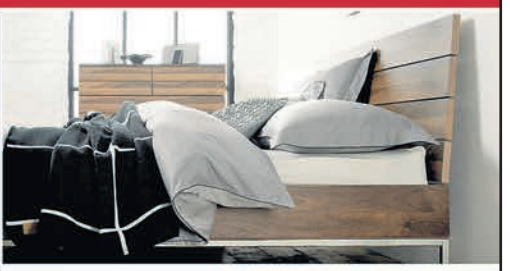

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Concourse to host allotment group's annual Potato Day

THE West Lancashire Allotment Federation is running its third annual Potato Day in Skelmersdale Concourse Shopping Centre on Saturday (January 31).

During the day customers will be able to choose from more than 80 varieties of potatoes, seeds, onions, garlic, soft fruit bushes and fruit trees, as well as having the chance to discuss all things related to growing with members of the federation. Advice will also be available on growing, pruning and storing home–grown produce.

The event will run from 10am to 3pm and staff from Skelmersdale library will also be in attendance providing gardening books to borrow, as well as offering visitors the chance to join the library.

Ray Fowler, secretary of the West Lancashire Allotment Federation, thanked the management of the Concourse for the opportunity to promote the federation and the Grow Your Own movement.

The federation also has a joint venture with West Lancs (CVS) Community Food Growing called the Show What You Grow Day for primary schools. This takes place in July each year when schools are invited to West Lancashire College in Skelmersdale to display fruit and vegetables grown on their allotments with prizes awarded for best produce, best scarecrow and best audio/visual presentation.

Last year's Potato Day

Meanwhile, the federation's annual general meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, February 11 at the borough council offices in Derby Street Ormskirk starting at 7pm.

Alan Hull from the National Allotment Society will attend and give a closing talk and all allotmenters are welcome.

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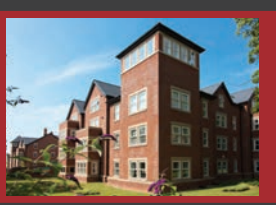

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Chance to celebrate Chinese New Year at centre

BURSCOUGH Wharf has revealed details of next month's Chinese New Year celebrations to coincide with its fourth anniversary.

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Meanwhile, a selection of traditional Chinese street food including soup, noodles and various snacks will be available and courtyard stalls will also be selling Chinese gifts and memorabilia.

Visitors will be invited to get into the spirit by having their photographs taken wearing the Chinese dragon's head.

Site manager, Ray Eckersley said: "Last year's Chinese New Year event was such a success we decided to once again coincide this year's with our own anniversary. We're looking forward to a great afternoon of family fun and entertainment."

The event is free and runs from 12pm – 3.30pm on February 8.

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Last year's Chinese New Year celebrations at Burscough Wharf Code NA

Reduced company to tackle comedy

THEY'VE skewered history, the Bible and the world's most celebrated playwright, now the Reduced Shakespeare Company tackles the subject it was born to reduce.

Following a hugely successful season at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2014, the Reduced Shakespeare Company brings their latest hit production to The Atkinson this February.

From the high–brow to the low, The Complete History of Comedy (abridged) covers cavemen telling "Rock Rock" jokes to Chris Rock, and everything in–between, as they deconstruct the entire history of comedy in 90 rollicking minutes.

Tickets to The Complete History of Comedy (abridged) are far more affordable than tickets to an amusement park, but you'll come away with the same feeling of nausea and motion sickness.

Since 1981, The Bad Boys of Abridgement have created nine stage shows, two television specials, several failed TV pilots and numerous radio pieces.

Their first three shows, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), The Complete History of America (abridged) and The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged) enjoyed a nine–year run at the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly Circus.

Not only were they London's longest–running comedies, but at one point the Reduced Shakespeare Company had more shows running in the West End than Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The event is for all ages, but the producers of the show say it is aimed at people 12 years and upwards.

The Complete History of Comedy (abridged) at The Atkinson starts at 7.30pm on Sunday, February 8.

Tickets are available online at theatkinson.co.uk or by calling the Box Office on 01704 533333. They are also available over the counter during The Atkinson opening hours.

Reduced Shakespeare Company tackle comedy Code NA

Take a step back in time at theatre

AUDIENCES are being invited to take a step back in time with The North West Film Archive at Manchester Metropolitan University as they present Sefton and Southport on Screen.

The evening is part of the University's programme to make the collection available to the public of the North West region.

The screening at Southport's Little Theatre will take place on Tuesday, February 3 at 7.30pm.

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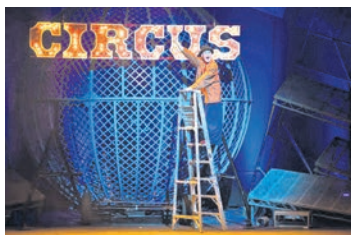

Tweedy from Cirque Berserk

The cast of Beauty and the Beast. Pic by Ron Ellis Code NA

Players promise laughter and dance in their pantomime

Report by **Ron Ellis**

THE West End Players pantomime this year is Beauty and the Beast produced and directed by Diana Draper and Wendy Aspin.

"We are very excited to have lots of new members in the show who have joined the society in the past year," said Diana, who herself has been a member of the WEP'S since 1976 when The Guild Players merged with Duke Street Methodist Church drama group.

Beauty and the Beast is an old–fashioned panto with all the usual comedy sketches, dance routines by the children and lots of popular songs.

Adele O'Neill plays Beauty, Neil Spruce is Beast, the Prince is Kay Billingsley, and Jenny Robson makes her debut with the WEP'S as Capucine.

Also making their panto debut are John and Jan Husdell as Felix and Jacques.

Dorothy Hughes and Greta Wharton reprise their usual roles as the Wicked Witch (Malarkey) and The Dame (Ma).

Musical director, Margaret Prew, provides piano accompaniment. Choreography is by Chloe Ackers who is also a guest vocalist.

Beauty and the Beast plays at Lord Street West Church Hall, Duke Street on Fri and Sat Jan 30 and 31 and Fri & Sat Feb 6 and 7. Evening performances at 7.30pm and Saturday matinees at 2.15pm.

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(HILL HOUSE FOLD LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle and cycles from proceeding over that length of Hill House Fold Lane from its junction with Courage Low Lane to its junction with Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington, West Lancashire Borough

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

Moss Lane – A5209 Hall Lane – Robin Hood Lane and vice versa.

The temporary closure is necessary to allow highway drainage works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be in operation daily between 0800 hours and 1600 hours on Monday 2nd February 2015 until Wednesday 4th February, or until completion of the works within this period.

Andrew Burrows, Public Realm Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0845 053 0011

[Ref: LHS/BS/08/080/HD]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2014/1281/FUL Removal of existing containers and facility units and erection of fishery cabin including toilet facilities. Permission to retain 6 fish breeding ponds at Hall Lane Fisheries, Hall Lane, Bispham.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2014/1380/FUL Construction of a small 3.5m wide leisure craft slipway into the River Douglas, located on private land to the rear of Douglas House, Sutton Avenue. Also includes the erection of a steel galvanised frame and treated timber landing stage, located adjacent to the slipway. Allowing the mooring of a small vessel all year at Land Adjacent The River Douglas, Sutton Avenue, Tarleton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2014/1397/COU Change of use of existing agricultural building to use as a dog breeding facility (retrospective) at Jacksons Farm, Hunters Lane, Tarleton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2014/1401/FUL Sub-division of Unit 1 into three smaller units and provision of additional 17 car parking spaces at the rear, plus the modification of spaces 1-5 to form 3 disabled car parking spaces. (Retrospective) at Unit 1, Holland Business Park, Spa Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2014/1385/FUL Demolition of outbuildings and erection of single storey rear and side extensions at Ormskirk And District Scouts Headquarters, Hall Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2015/0021/FUL Retention of new brickwork, brickwork glazed and timber boundary walls at Toby Tavern Bar And Grill, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/0029/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replacement TAPCO slate roof to existing conservatory at The Rookery, Hall Lane, Lathom.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning

Dated: 28th January 2015
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NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER
SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM BANKS ROAD TO STATION ROAD, NORTH MEOLS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH (DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION) ORDER 2014

The above Order, made on the 18th December 2014, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the area, by adding a public footpath from Banks Road (Point A on the Order plan) (SD 3796 2086) adjacent from 100 Banks Road running a south south easterly direction along the east side of a field boundary for approximately 90 metres on a 1.5 metre wide undefined route to cross a field boundary (Point C) and then continuing in a generally south easterly direction parallel to The Sluice for approximately 520 metres as a 3 metre wide path to the junction with Station Road (Point I) (SD 3826 2033), for a total distance of approximately 610 metres and shown on the Order plan.

A copy of the Order and the Order Map may be seen free of charge at the offices of the West Lancashire Borough Council, and at my offices from 9am to 5pm on weekdays. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £1.00.

Any representation or objection relating to the order must be sent in writing to The County Secretary and Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ (REF: LSG4/PROW/5.46089/MB) not later than 10th March 2015, and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or if any so made are withdrawn, Lancashire County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State for the Environment, may itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated this 28th day of January 2015.

IAN YOUNG, County Secretary & Solicitor
Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON, PR1 8XJ

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The above Order, made on the 18th December 2014, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the area, by adding 5 public footpaths as described below:

1.A 3 metre wide public footpath from the junction of Georges Lane and public bridleways 48 & 49 North Meols (Point A on the Order plan) (SD 3885 2189) running in a north westerly direction to Point D ending at the junction with public footpaths 38 & 39 North Meols (SD 3852 2236), for a total distance of approximately 570 metres.
2.A 3 metre wide public footpath from the junction of Charnleys Lane and public bridleways 47 & 48 North Meols (Point F) (SD3835 2156) running in a north westerly direction to Point I (SD 3803 2201) for a total distance of approximately 570 metres.
3.A 3 metre wide public footpath starting from the junction with public bridleway 47 North Meols (Point J) (SD 3796 2119) running in a northerly direction to Point K, the path then continues in a generally south westerly direction and ends at Point O on the Order plan at its junction with public footpath 40 North Meols (SD 3730 2088) for a total distance of approximately 770 metres.
4.A 3 metre wide public footpath starting from the junction of the farm tracks at Point K on the Order plan (SD 3796 2121) continuing in a north westerly direction to Point R (SD 3760 2171) for a total distance of approximately 635 metres.
5.A 1.5 metre wide public footpath starting at the junction with public bridleway 48 North Meols, close to Cross Bank Cottage, (Point S on the Order plan) (SD 3856 2176), continuing in a north westerly direction to Point V (SD 3827 2218) for a total distance of approximately 520 metres.

A copy of the Order and the Order Map may be seen free of charge at the offices of the West Lancashire Borough Council, and at my offices from 9am to 5pm on weekdays. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £1.00.
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DEATHS

Schofield Edwin

January 22nd 2015

Passed away in Jospice after a long illness. Aged 90 years

Beloved husband of Audrey, loving dad of Anne and Michael and father in law of Michael and Kathrin, devoted Grandad of Raphael, Jonas and David. (Always in our hearts. xxx) Edwin's funeral service will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 30th January at 9.20am. Family flowers only, please send donations to the British Lung Foundation via Tiny.cc/barringtons or c/o Barrington's Funeral Services, 28 Crosby Road North, Liverpool L22 4QF. Tel: 0151 928 1625.

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DEATHS

Evans Mair Walters

8th January 2015

Aged 89 Years

Peacefully at Springfield Nursing Home

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Funeral service to be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Monday 9th February 2015 at 1pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium at 2pm.

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DEATHS

BRADY HELEN (NELLIE)

Much loved Auntie & Sister

22nd January 2015

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30th January

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Your laugh was
like music to hear,
I would give
absolutely anything,
To have you well and
standing near.

Not a second passes
when you're not
on our minds.
Your love we will
never forget.
You'll never walk
alone Neil.

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DEATHS

BRAIDWOOD JOAN

20th January 2015

Aged 91 Years

Joan will be very sadly missed by all her friends at Acacia Court Care Home who looked after her so dearly.

The funeral service will be held at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 29th January at 9:20am.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

BARBER Jim

16th January 2015

You left us quietly
Your thoughts
unknown,
But left us a memory
we are proud to own.
So treasure him Lord
in your garden of rest.
For when on earth
He was one
of the best.

Love from
Son Robert,
Daughter in Law
Julie,
Grandsons
Daniel and Thomas
xxxx

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DEATHS

BARBER Jim

Aged 80 years

16th January 2015

Dad, there are some feelings that words cannot do justice.
I've got lots of special memories we've made together, which I will cherish forever. You'll always be in my heart.
Lots of Love
David & Natalie xxxx

Ours is just a simple prayer, for God to keep you in his care.
Goodnight Grandad
Lots of Love
Adam & Emily xxxx

6101955

DEATHS

OCKELTON PEGGY

17th January 2015
Aged 82 Years

Devoted wife of the late Rob. Much loved mum of James and the late Susan, mother-in-law of Michelle and Paul, dear nana to Rebecca, Charlotte and Thomas. Greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 2nd February at 2:00pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

Val CARTER

30th January

Loving Mum
and Nan,
Thinking of you
on your birthday,
we talk of you still,
We haven't
forgotten you,
and we never will.

All our love Stuart,
Pauline, Ashleigh
and Ellis.

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PRAYER

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked for many favours.
This time I ask for one special favour.
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

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DEATHS

BARBER Jim

16th January 2015

Thank you
for being my Dad
You know I will
look after Mum
Robert
x

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DEATHS

BARBER Jim

16th January 2015

Your painful
days are over,
Your restless nights
have passed,
God took you in his
arms and whispered
'Peace at last'
Loving Wife Enid.
x

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DEATHS

Becconsall Dora

January 25th 2015

Peacefully aged 92

Dearly loved Wife of the late George, much loved Mum, Grandma and Great Grandma.

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DEATHS

BARBER Jim

16th January 2015

My wonderful and inspirational Dad.
We will think of you often and remember you always.
All our love forever,
Daughter Shirley and Husband Stephen,
Grandchildren
Claire, Nicola
and Jack. Great
Grandchildren
Jessica, William,
Sophie, Emily, Ellie
and Elsie and Grace.

Goodnight,
God Bless
XXXX

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DEATHS

ROBERTS STEVE

18th January 2015 aged 61 years, taken from us far too soon

Loving husband to Mandy, supportive dad of Chrissy and Adam, much loved son of Jenny and the late Leslie and dear brother of Mark. Steve will be greatly missed, loved and respected by so many family and friends, and especially as a teacher at Scarisbrick Hall School. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. Donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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IN MEMORIAM

David W Eatough

3rd March 1945 to 2nd February 2014

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and
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Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

C.S.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

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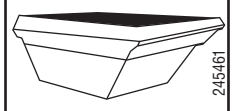

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Anyone with even the vaguest interest in cars will know Land Rover's workhorse is a British motoring institution. Despite being treated to new engine once every so often and being given the Defender name in 1990, it's pretty much unaltered from when it was introduced more than 30 years ago. When it finally goes out of production this December it'll be the end of an era.

There are however a couple of problems with my dad's cunning scheme, the main one being that Defenders aren't the cheap, rustic farming runarounds they used to be. Land Rover is seeing out its longest–serving model with a trio of special editions, the cheapest of which costs £28,000. The range–topping Autobiography version is an eye–watering £62,000, which is a lot of money for a car he'd like to stash away in a shed somewhere.

The other problem, of course, is there's no guarantee it'd work. Everyone had pretty much the same idea when the Mini went out of production 14 years ago, and the result now is you don't actually have to look very hard to find X–registered and W–registered Coopers with fewer than 1,000 miles on the clock. As a result, they're worth barely any more than they were back in 2000.

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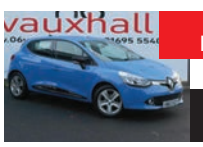

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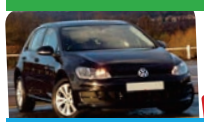

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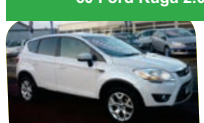

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John continues: "We hope that our sale will offer great value for lots of people in the local area and we look forward to welcoming customers, new and existing, through the doors to find out about the offers we have available."

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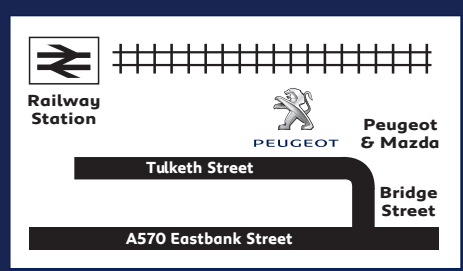

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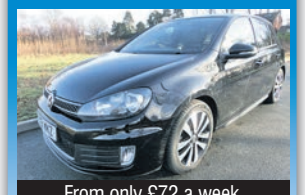

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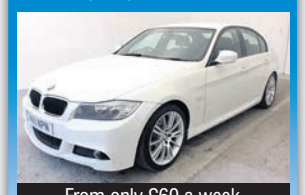

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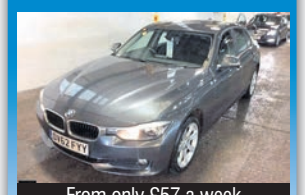

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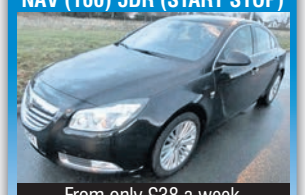

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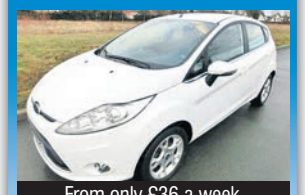

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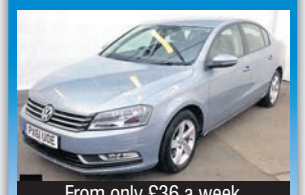

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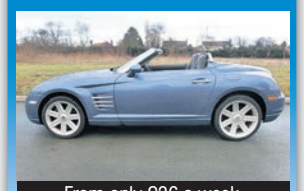

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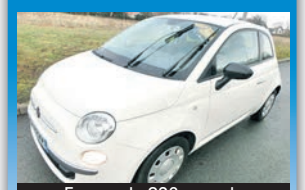

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DARTS fans are in for a bobby–dazzler of a date when one of the most flamboyant figures in the sport comes to West Lancashire.

Bobby George, the self–styled 'King of Bling', is set to be special guest at a sportsman's dinner to be held at The Stanley Club in Burscough on Friday, March 13.

Bobby, who is now a co–commentator for the BBC at the BDO World Championships, will give a talk and play a special exhibition match against a local player.

Entries for a competition to determine who will face the former two–times winner of the News of The World championship and twice World Championship finalist are currently beng taken by the club in Liverpool Road North with the last four due to play down to a winner on the night.

Tickets for the event, which is strictly for over–18s only and also includes a two–course meal, raffle, disco and a chance to have your photo taken with Bobby George, can be ordered by visiting skdl.it/1r3z6b7.

Bobby George.

Teenage fencing ace wins his first senior medal

FENCING ace Richard Michell has won his first senior medal – at the age of 15!

The talented teenager, a pupil at Scarisbrick Hall school, showed skills beyond his years to earn a bronze medal at the Lancaster Open, knocking out the number one seed en route!

After an indifferent display in the seeding fights, Richard was ranked only 16th going into the first round where he was paired with Stockport's Daniel Alexander.

But although Alexander had come out on top in their seeding clash, Richard was able to get ahead and stay there to clinch his place in the second round.

There he was drawn to face top seed Chris Anwyl – but proceeded to shock everyone by knocking him out of the tournament!

After that he had a solid run to the semi–finals where he finally went down fighting 15–10 to Chris Heaps, a former North West champion. His headteacher, Mr Shaw said: "We are delighted with Richard's success.

"He is an excellent student who has demonstrated what drive, determination and talent can achieve."

Richard (far right) at the presentation at Lancaster.

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Away day chance for Skem to extend lead

SKELMERSDALE United, currently eight points clear at the top Evo–Stik Premier Division, are on the road this Saturday before a run of three consecutive weekend home games that will be important to the outcome of the season, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow*.

The trip down the M6 will not be an easy one for Skelmersdale as Northwich–based host Witton Albion have plenty to play for themselves as they battle to retain a place in the Evo–Stik Premier Division after a poor start to the season that has evolved into a relegation fight.

They are on their third manager of the season, former Cammell Laird boss Tony Sullivan, a familiar face to many Skelmersdale supporters after the tussles with Laird's in Division One North.

The side will include teenage goalkeeper Steve James who made such a good impression at King's Lynn Town two weeks ago in the first game of his loan period from Preston North End, as a replacement for the injured Martin Fearon.

Skelmersdale have won more away games than any other team in their division, so they will travel with serious hopes of victory, especially as Witton have already lost seven home games this season.

Skelmersdale are at home to Stamford on Saturday, February 7 and this is followed on Saturday, February 14 by the visit of Matlock Town, while on Saturday, February 21 they host King's Lynn Town. Two games that are for the future are the re–arranged fixture against FC United of Manchester that was due at Stormy Corner last week, but was postponed because FC's involvement in the FA Trophy, that has now been fixed for Tuesday, April 14, which is ten days before the end of the season.

This could well be a crucial match for both teams' title hopes, and as a result could draw a huge attendance.

The other match is in the Liverpool Senior Cup semi–final, where Skelmersdale have been drawn out a trip to Southport.

No date has been fixed as yet but the Liverpool County FA have said that the tie should be played before the end of February.

Linnets forced to settle for a point after conceding late goal

Clitheroe 1
Burscough 1

BURSCOUGH had to settle with picking up an away point after they conceded a late goal at Clitheroe on Saturday in front of a crowd of 230.

A sluggish start to the game saw few chances for either team but the Linnets took the lead shortly before the half–time interval with a strike from Eddie Toner.

It looked as if Burscough would take home all three points but a goal three minutes from time from Jason Hart gave the home side a share of the points.

The result leaves Burscough in 15th place in the Evo–Stik Division One North table and the team have now failed to win a league game since December. Meanwhile, Clitheroe now find themselves in 11th position, having lost just once in eight games.

Burscough's home league match against Scarborough Athletic on Saturday will kick off at 2.30pm.

Ormskirk Sunday League results and round–up

Database 2 The Tail 2: The Tail were cruising at half time 2–0 up and it seemed only a matter of time before the league leaders increased their lead. However, Database were inspired in the second half and leveled the score leading to a frantic last ten minutes as Database held.

Lane End Athletic 6 Mitch FC 3: Mitch continue to improve and gave Lane Ends a good test throughout the game. In the end Lane's finishing made the difference.

MCA 2 Platinum Menswear 3: Platinum edged a great game of football with goals from Paddy Kennedy with a spectacular diving header, Graham Spike and Wade Doolan. MCA scored through Craig Kelly twice and were denied by the Platinum woodwork late on.

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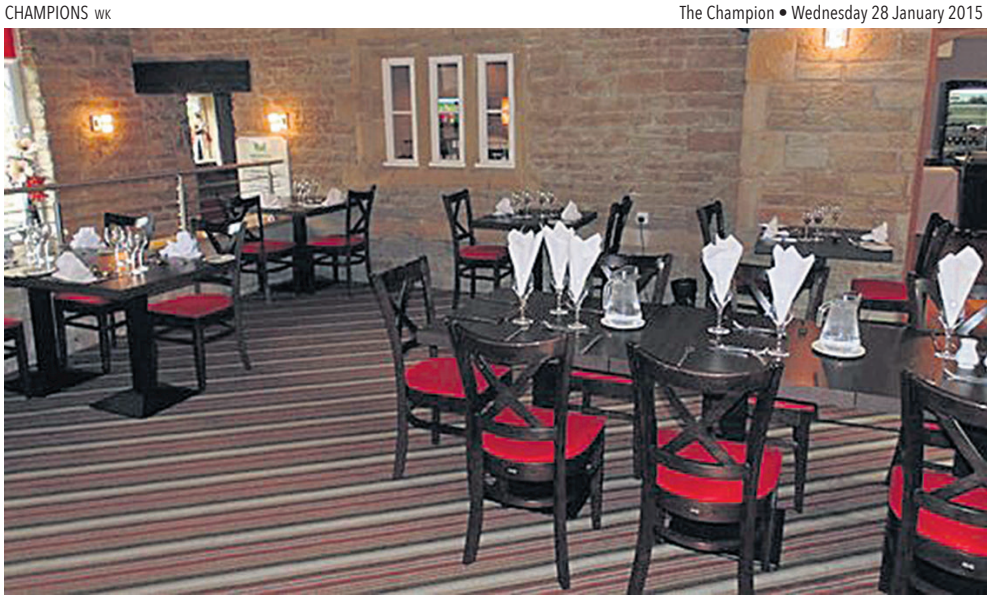

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In 2007 Andy and Marie MacGregor purchased the historic mill to accommodate their business, and in doing so renovated each floor of the building to create fully service-managed offices for a range of SMEs. There are now currently 24 independent businesses operating from Martland Mill, with tenants representing a mix of businesses and professions, including Accountants, IFA's, Mortgage Brokers, Solicitors, Stationary Suppliers and Builders. Martland Mill is set in the heart of Burscough and enjoys a great business community within the managed offices.

FULLY INCLUSIVE SERVICED OFFICES

When Martland Mill started as a serviced managed office in 2007 local companies were attracted by the easy start-up and convenience of getting everything you need from one supplier. Internet access, phones, calls, cleaning, call answering, meeting room and rates assessment advice which leads to most companies currently not paying rates because of the Small Business Rates Relief on offer.

Continued Development - Over the past few years the mill has been developed every year with the following improvements made; Wi-Fi throughout the building (2012), full double glazing (2011) latest firewall technology (2014), inclusive calls to landlines and mobiles (2014), 100mg lease line internet access (2010), new phone system with all the latest technology available to each tenant (2013), custom built reception area (2009)

Martland Mill remains the only fully serviced office building in the Burscough and Ormskirk area, giving its tenants more than just office space, more of a local business community with an all inclusive approach to the services required.

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Martland Mill reception is headed up by Sue Smith whose skill in putting tenants first and ensuring all their visitors and callers receive exceptional service, this is a cornerstone of the business. It was clear early on that the tenants in the Mill really appreciated a great receptionist, and in Sue they have someone who takes customer care to the next level with an old-fashioned approach that is all about quality, service and honesty.

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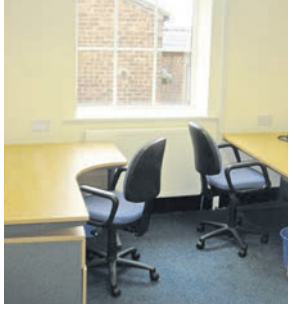

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"Initially people may have thought lobster in a fish and chip shop was a little far fetched, however it has become increasingly popular and is often booked up in advance."

Staffords fish & chips take great pride in only ever serving fresh fish sourced from the British Isles. Cod and Haddock are the two top sellers, other varieties are often available including Hake, Skate, Soles depending on market availability. Not only are they passionate about the fish they serve they are keen to make the most of the rich farmland that surrounds the shop sourcing their potatoes locally.

Emma's background is in older peoples care in the NHS and this year they are championing Dementia Friends. They will be hosting awareness afternoons throughout the year. The first one takes place on Wednesday 4th February from 2-4pm and all are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

This year is the 155th anniversary of the nations favourite takeaway. To mark the occasion they will be cooking their fish & chips in Beef Dripping on the last Tuesday of every month. A vegetable oil alternative will also be provided. If you are looking for something different, why not try their 'Beer Batter Wednesday' Customers will have the option of sampling a different beer batter every week in addition to their standard batter.

"We trialled the dripping last year and we thought it would be a good way to mark a big anniversary. We will use a different beer every Wednesday throughout the year, some local craft beers and some from further afield."

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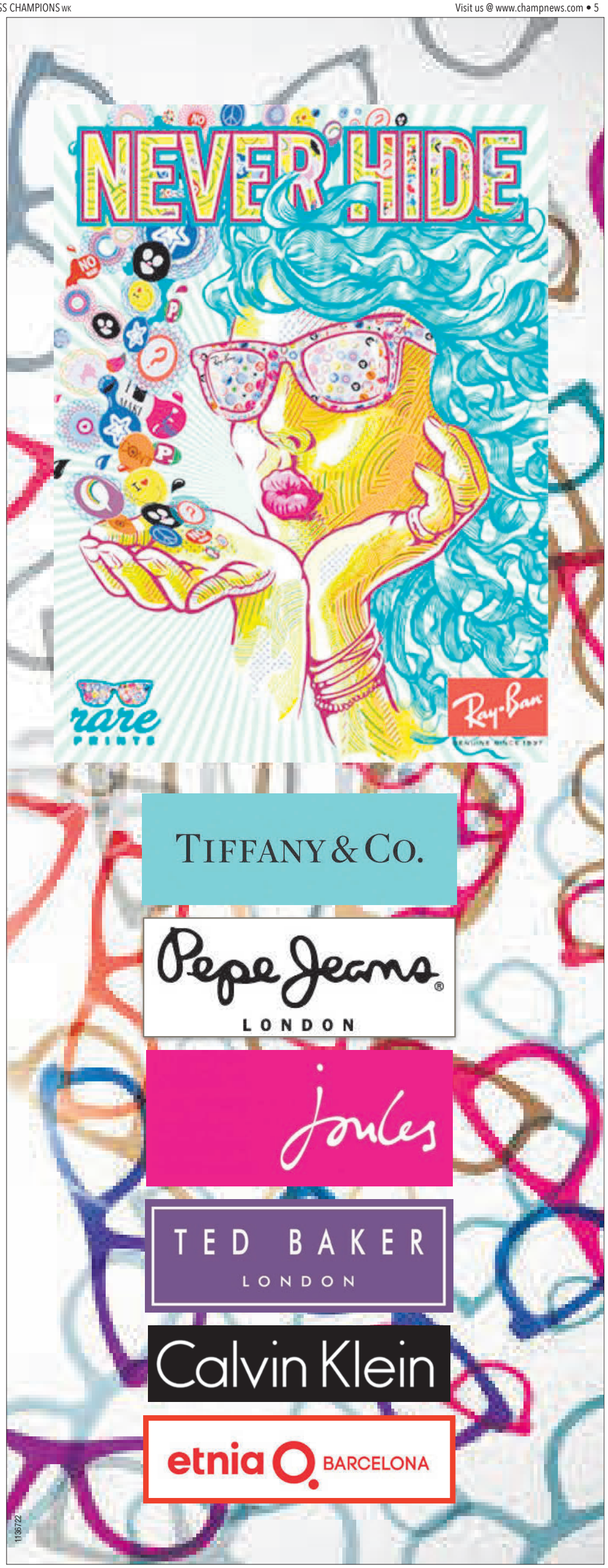

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Shaun says: "We are a family run business and we believe in customer care. We know what people here want and we provide it in a professional and friendly way. In our business, going the extra mile is an everyday thing. Customer satisfaction remains the most important factor for us. Always has. Everything we sell is to the highest quality at the best, affordable prices, that's why we offer a five year guarantee."

Today, McGrath's future is looking bright. The company is expanding their fitted bedroom displays in store, always striving to keep on trend throughout the year. Shaun says: "We are also investing in a new ecommerce website so we can attract a wider range of customers. We have to keep competing on all levels. It is a challenge, but one we enjoy!"

It has been a long time from operating from their garage to the business Shaun and Karen have today. The achievement they are most proud of are the loyal customers that keep coming back. "The recommendations we get tell us that we are doing something right. Ultimately, that's the best accolade!"

Once again, local is best and McGrath's undoubtedly proves it. Visit McGrath's today if you are looking to revamp your bedroom or get a bespoke pair of curtains. You will be impressed by the choice and prices and most of all by the level of customer care and attention to detail.

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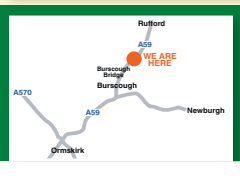

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T & H Power Products is a family business at heart, with managing director Ted Thomas, his wife Doreen and son Lee making up nearly half the staff of seven people. They've been at Unit 3 Ringtail Court in Burscough for thirteen years, building their reputation on first class, personal service at competitive prices.

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Slimming World

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website www.slimmingworld.com

Champion focus

With more than 12,000 groups held weekly across the UK and Republic of Ireland, Slimming World has been a brand that equals success for 46 years. The principles behind Slimming World's philosophy are based on a deep understanding of the challenges faced by overweight people - and that those who struggle with weight carry a double burden, the weight itself and a burden of guilt and shame about their weight. Slimming World's programme integrates practical, up-to-date advice with a highly developed support system.

The West Lancashire team has six consultants, who were all members of Slimming World groups. They have more than 55 years of experience between them and run 13 very successful groups. The team is one of the most successful in the country and the most successful one in their district. They help and support over 1,500 members on a weekly basis. The team has won numerous awards, their proudest being a special award for 'Exceptional service to members'.

For decades, Slimming World's Food Optimising programme has shown members that it's possible to lose weight without being on a restrictive and faddy diet and to satisfy their appetite with healthy foods without counting, weighing or measuring everything you eat. Instead, slimmers are encouraged to fill up on everyday foods - which Slimming World calls 'Free Foods' – like fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat and fish, which are filling yet naturally low in calories.

This year more than ever, if you are serious about losing weight in a great environment that you will enjoy be part of and look forward to go to week after week, why not try Slimming World. With a streamlined and easier-to-understand plan making healthy eating and losing weight easier than ever, you cannot go wrong. The company has launched a brand new pack for Slimming World members which includes everything they need to get started and lose weight straightaway. Contact them now you'll be glad you did!

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Power up your weight loss

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The Wardens Club,
Blaguegate Lane,
Monday 5pm & 7pm
Kathy: 01695 423 658

TUESDAY
OLD SKELMERSDALE
The Wardens Club,
Blaguegate Lane,
Tuesday 9.15 & 11.15am
Kathy: 01695 423 658

UP HOLLAND
Up Holland Methodist Church, Alma Hill,
Tuesday 9.30am
Sarah: 07969 395302
Morning Group

WEDNESDAY
BURSCOUGH
Burscough British Legion Club,
Lord Street
Wednesday 5.15 & 7.15pm
Kathy: 01695 423 658

ORMSKIRK
Ormskirk Rugby Club,
Green Lane
Wednesday 9.30 & 11.30am
Tina: 0151 548 4266
Morning Group

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UP HOLLAND
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Wednesday 3.45, 5.30 & 7.30pm
Sarah: 07969 395302

THURSDAY
AUGHTON
Aughton Village Hall
Winifred Lane,
Thursday 9.30am
Zoe: 01695 580 966
Morning Group

AUGHTON
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Long Lane,
Thursday 5.30 & 7.30pm
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Digmoor Community Centre
Birleywood
Thursday 9.30am & 11.30am
Jackie: 07888 830892
Morning Group

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Digmoor Community Centre
Birleywood
Thursday 4.30pm & 6.30pm
Jackie: 07888 830892

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Champion focus

Tracy Angela Susie Craig Maggie Jan

Husband and wife team Craig and Susie take great pride in their practice which they took over two years ago. They both qualified in 2003 and the couple is passionate about preventative dentistry for all the family.

The practice offers every solution from straightforward dentistry to cosmetic work and even facial treatments. With a fully qualified team behind them, Craig and Susie have a solution for every problem.

Susie is an Invisalign provider, a breakthrough system where teeth get gradually straightened with nearly invisible custom made aligners and she also has over nine years experience using wrinkle reduction treatments.

Craig has been providing general and cosmetic dentistry for over 11 years and is passionate about minimally invasive dentistry.

The Parbold Dental Practice offers a full range of solutions with innovative systems like Philips Zoom for whitening teeth, Future Veneers for the perfect alternative to composite bonding and much more besides. The practice also offers a monthly budget scheme allowing its customers to spread the cost through either a practice membership or interest free scheme.

For Craig and Susie it is not just about teeth, it is about choices, affordability and most of all service. Why not book a free consultation right away? Craig and Susie will be delighted to welcome you at their practice.

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Champion focus

Starting just four years ago in Ormskirk, Keith Nixon has grown from sole trader to being a limited company with a team of ten people and a fleet of six vehicles. The firm's success, according to Keith, is due to the fact that JKL Heating has retained its original focus from day one. "Put simply, I have always believed that the highest level of customer service is where it's at, regardless of our size."

Keeping it local is the key as far as customer satisfation is. Whether the work is providing a free boiler through the Eco Funding government scheme or a huge job, the quality of JKL Heating service remains the same. "We know our customers. It's all about respect and courtesy." says Keith.

As with many other companies, a lot of JKL Heating's new customers come through good recommendations. "We constantly grow as a company and we never take any job for granted. We are local, friendly and we provide a great service at a great price."

The company is also one of the very few that is PAS2030 registered. This means JKL Heating is required to work with Green Deal and government funded

projects. Keith says: "We are registered with a local green deal company which is a government loan for those who don't qualify for a free boiler. If you need us, we are here to help."

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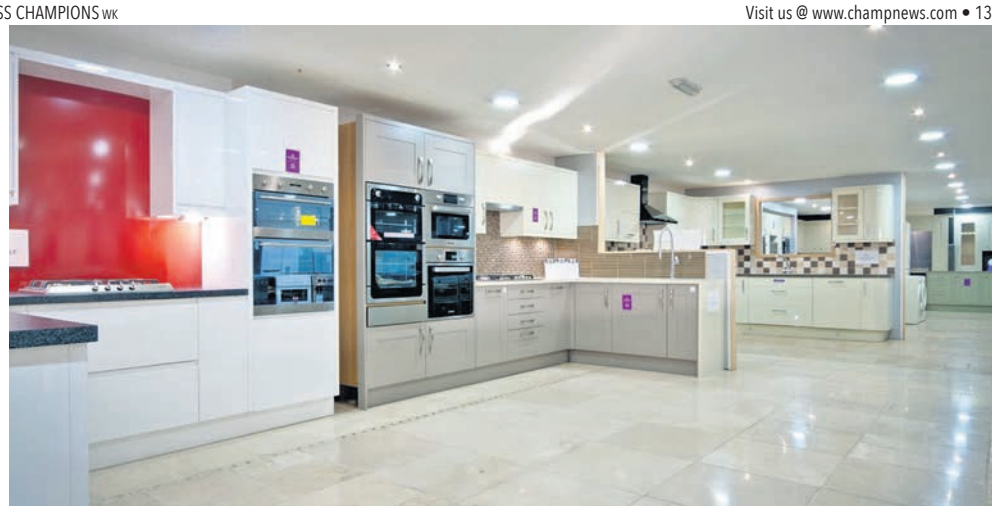

Kevin Soo started Knowsley Domestics way back in 2003 and though he admits the recession was tough, the company amazingly not only managed to survive it but actually grew. Knowsley Domestics specialises in domestic appliances and kitchen sales. They offer built in appliances, freestanding appliances, spare parts and they also provide repairs. Knowsley Domestics is a one stop shop that has evolved from very small premises at the beginning to its present two floors building.

Kevin says: "We have had to move with the times. That has been important for us. Websites are much more prominent now and the market for built in appliances has grown. We have adapted, survived and thrived."

Knowsley Domestics is all about its customers. "In this business, you have to have a lot of knowledge and we certainly keep up with everything. We are here to help and advise - we are honest, true and reliable. That is so important when you are a local business. Customers trust us and we have worked hard for that."

Knowsley Domestics always carries good stock levels with most brands represented. They can deliver the same day, fit new appliances and dispose of the old ones. With a kitchen designer instore and the latest software onboard, it is hard to see how Knowsley Domestics can be beaten.

With more than 25 kitchens on display at any given time in the showroom the choice is huge. For your next kitchen makeover or appliance, you'd be hard pushed for a greater choice, better service or keener quality and price comparison than a deal from Knowsley Domestics.

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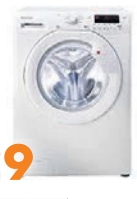

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Computers Direct really puts their customers first, undertaking phone, computer, laptop and tablet repairs with the aim of repairing within a day and in the case of phone repairs, mostly while the customer waits.

The business was launched by Eddie Miller and became Limited in 2006. Eddie says: "We have had to adapt with the ongoing technology and of course, now, tablets and laptops represent most of what we work on."

Computers Direct offers a host of services such as ink refill and a gaming service which allows customers to build their very own machine in store under pro supervision. This cutting edge attitude has meant that Eddie has seen his business grow and has had to expand rapidly. He says: "Everything we do is about the customer. We put their satisfaction first and foremost. All our repairs are carried out by friendly dedicated staff and the result so far has been very encouraging."

In 2015, Computers Direct intend to open two new stores. Eddie says: "We hope to reach a much wider area and in doing so we will employ more staff as a mobile quick response team. The whole idea is to be able to handle emergency call outs that should be dealt with within one hour."

The company became a Microsoft registered refurbisher two years ago and is also an AVG authorised distributor underlining its excellence in computer technology know-how. Eddie adds: "We have built our great reputation from the ground up and the local community as well as business customers as far away as Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Manchester prefer to come to us."

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West Lancs butchers are a family run butchers offering outstanding service and quality fresh British meat to many restaurants, hotels, cafes, care homes, schools, bistros. We have a small retail aspect to our business and you can shop with our free membership scheme.

The business was created in 2011 by three brothers Michael, Lee and Stephen Parker with over 20 years butchers experience each.

The company's mission is to deliver fresh quality meat to all our customers no matter how large or small at the best possible price. Working with individuals to suit specific requirements and needs, West Lancs Butchers' success lies in providing the highest standard in service and products.

The company uses 'red tractor poultry' and 'eblex' quality British meat, so that the best quality meat is sourced at all times and consistently. The excellent traceability policy in place means that West Lancs Butchers know all their products from farm gate to the customer.

This family run business works together with both the F.S.A and West Lancs council ensuring that the business is run efficiently and correctly. Thanks to all the measures in place, the business has gone from strength to strength and has dramatically grown since opening in 2011. In 2012, the national newspaper Daily Mirror included the company in their "Best of British" good food guide. A great accolade that testifies to West Lancs butchers success and reputation.

With a large number of repeat customers from Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Burscough, Southport, Wigan, Liverpool, Manchester, up to the Lake district and down to Cheshire, some of the local companies the company is proud to work with are Ramada Hotel Southport, Spiga restaurant, Deli Sambrosa, Salt & Liquor, Infusions bistro, Sinners club, Blue Mallard, Spinney Care Home, Holland Moor primary school, Holland Hall hotel & restaurant, Fat Bull restaurant chain, Piri Piri restaurant, Ronnies steak house, Fat Olive, Casino de Cuba, Farmers Arms, Valore, to name but a few....

West Lancs Butchers are proud to be local and are involved in local charities and events. Ultimately theirs is a business that values quality of service, products and loyalty. So if you are looking for a high class quality family run butcher to work with you and provide your business or home with a quality and service second to none get in touch.

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Champion focus

Octagon Wealth Management Ltd (OWM) are a firm of Independent Financial Advisers based on the 2nd Floor of Burscough Wharf on Liverpool Road North in Burscough.

One of the big advantages of taking financial advice from an Independent Financial Adviser (IFA) is that it gives you access to the whole market without any form of bias or restriction. Independent Financial Advisors have the clients interest at heart with no tie ins to any providers or processes. Restricted Advice firms can only advise you on a limited range of products or services.

Richard Hollington and Jon Routledge, the company Directors, originally worked together as IFA Consultants for a number of years, identifying the practices of over 150 IFA firms, providing guidance on a variety of risk based investment and pension solutions. Having quickly identified their skills and experience could better benefit clients directly; they established IFA practices in their own right and have provided Independent Financial Advice to clients ever since. Octagon Wealth Management now offer bespoke advice in Pensions and Wealth Management (Investment) Planning.

Originally an "Appointed Representative" of a larger group of Financial Advisors, Octagon Wealth Management proudly became "Directly Authorised" by the Financial Conduct Authority in August 2013. This allows them to select any regulated investment for their clients without restriction or bias.

Octagon Wealth Management prides itself on providing a first class on-going service. As legislation changes, so should the advice, in order to ensure clients funds are positioned to make the most of the ever changing face of Pensions and Investment Legislature framework. Of course, life also has its own challenges and changes in your personal circumstances can mean your priorities shift. By understanding the clients immediate and long term needs Octagon Wealth Management are able to provide trustworthy holistic financial planning for you both now and in the future.

Octagon Wealth Management regularly asks their clients for their perception of their dealings with them, to ensure we meet your expectations. As a result of this they are happy to provide any number of references from existing or previous clients:

How Pension Legislation Changes in April 2015 could affect you….

On the 19th March last year, George Osborne stood up to deliver the 2014 Budget and dropped a bombshell on the world of retirement planning by declaring "No-one will have to buy an annuity anymore".

The main result of this announcement is that now, people aged over 55 who have pensions that they have not yet accessed or pension funds already invested in "Drawdown" arrangements could now be free to take as much or as little from their pension plans as they wish.

"Accessing your pensions in this way does have its own risks and it will depend on your own personal circumstances as hidden away in the small print of the budget, behind these new rules, is a vast array of complex rules and tax issues and unless you understand how it will work then you could end up paying over 40% in tax on the money you take from your plan not to mention the funds could run out if you do not plan accordingly. There could also be serious consequences if you are planning on accessing one or more of your plans, but continuing to pay into another." – Richard Hollington OWM Director

We are looking to help local residents by offering you a free initial consultation with one of our company directors and Independent Financial Advisors who will be able to explain how the changes might affect you and how you can avoid paying too much tax on the income that you have worked all of your life for.

Call Octagon Wealth Management today on 01704 898 570 to book your free initial consultation.

LOW RISK - LOW RETURN - LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER?

Traditionally risk averse individuals have found refuge with their banks through savings accounts and savings bonds. Savers hunting inflation based returns from UK banks have found it difficult in recent years with interest rates being so low. Many have been forced to tie savings up for a prolonged time just to ensure the real capital value of your fund doesn't reduce. Where instant access is a priority, this has often lead to a LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER on savings (this is the effect of the increase annual cost of living has when you interest return is lower than inflation).

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NEW FAITH IN PENSIONS….?

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Champion focus

Established in 1996 Mossock Hall Golf Club is a par 71 course set in 130 acres of beautiful countryside on the Lancashire/ Merseyside border. It is conveniently located close to the North West's major road networks (just minutes from junction 3 M58) yet it maintains a peaceful tranquillity when out on the course.

Mossock Hall Golf Club can boast that the course is open all year round. This is largely due to the fine planning of the course in the development and construction stages, combined with the investment of a quality drainage system and superb USGA greens. Visitors frequently offer their compliments on the course in general and particularly the quality of the greens.

Mossock Hall Functions

Mossock Hall Golf Club is the perfect venue for your wedding, birthday party, christening or any other celebratory occasion. Offering the very best facilities coupled with courteous and professional staff. There is a choice of function suites including a spacious marquee or the Restaurant room in the 18th Century Clubhouse.

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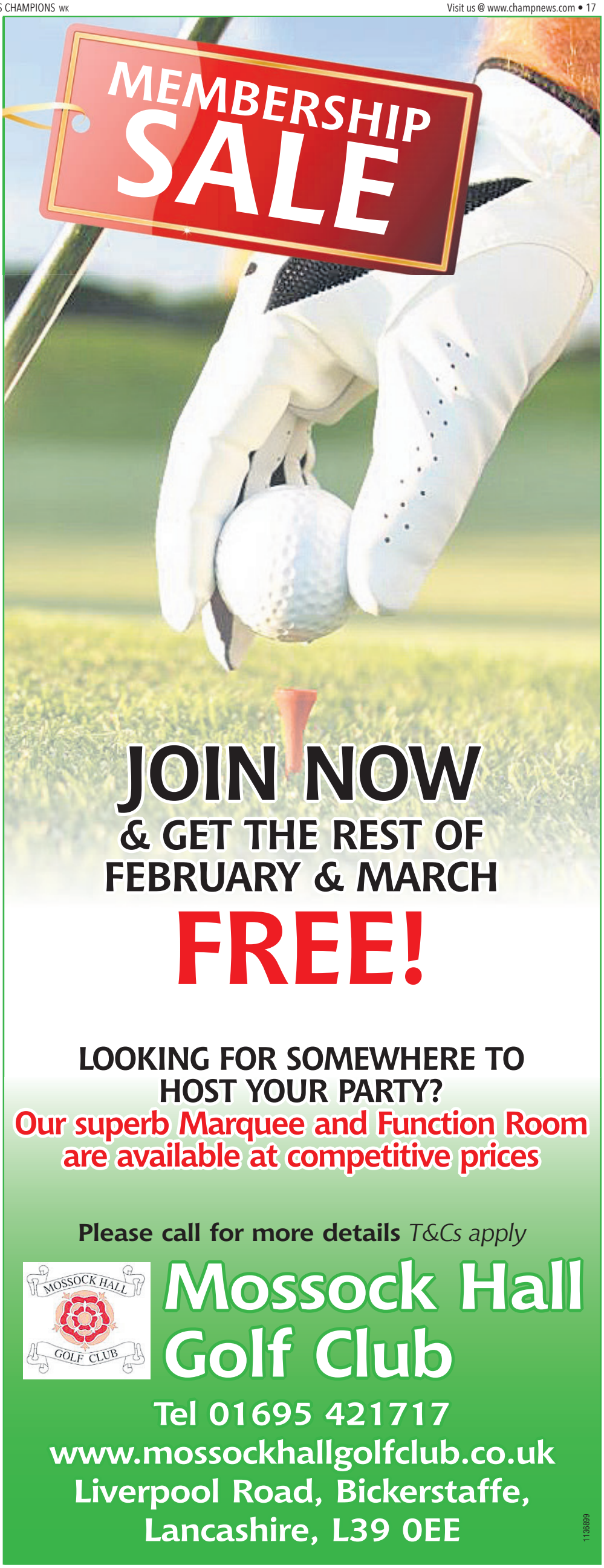
All ages and abilities catered for, individual or group lessons

Mossock Hall Visitor Golf

From as little as £28.70 per person including bacon barm and coffee on arrival. Societies are welcome any day of the week, including weekends from 1.30pm, with food available ranging from bacon barms to 3 course meals. Although the course is ideal for all abilities and is quite flat there are buggies available to hire at just £20 per round.

You don't need to be a member to enjoy Mossock Hall. Green fees from just £22 during February and March are available to book through the Pro Shop - please call for details and availability.



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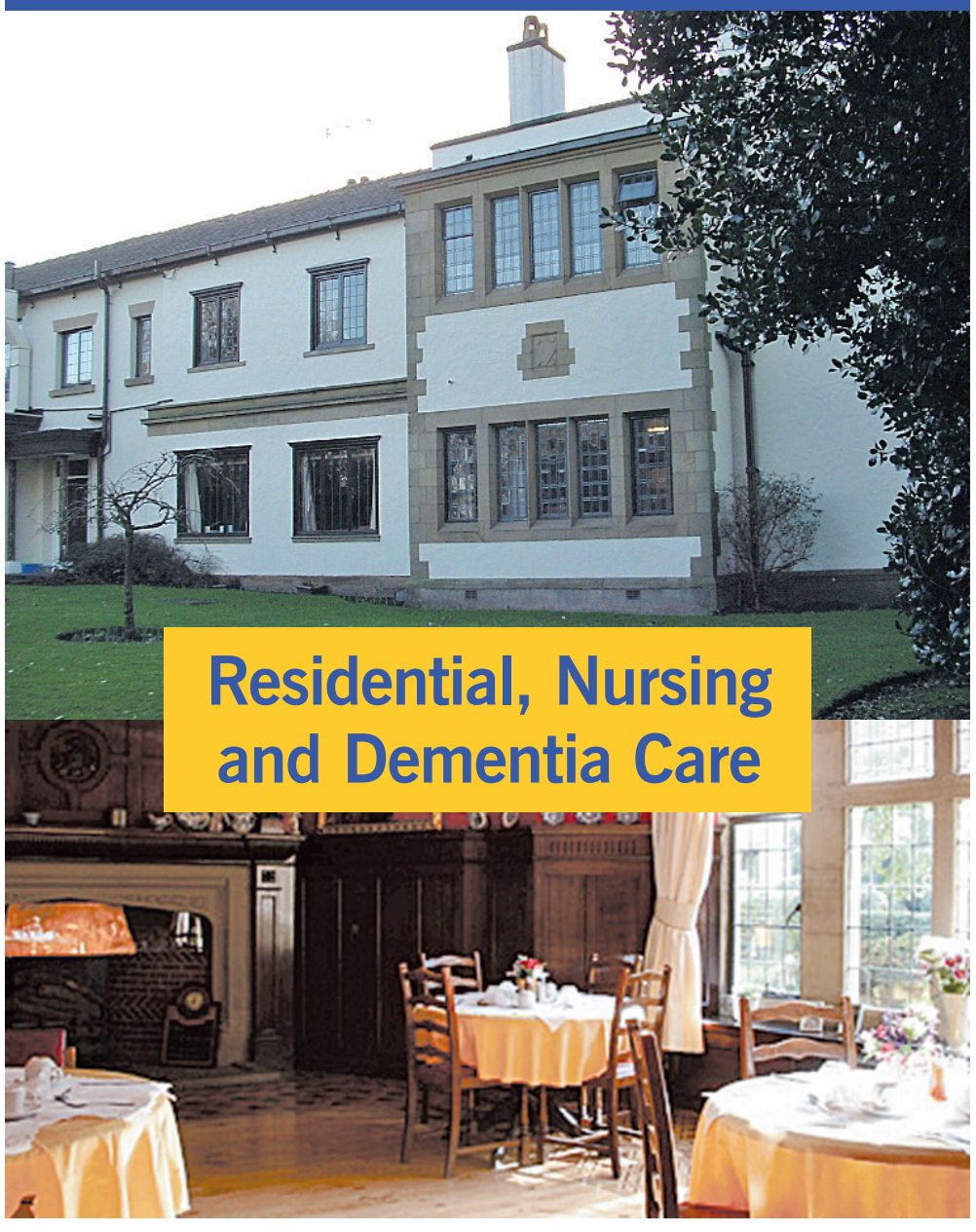

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Asmall Hall's motto is 'Excellence comes as Standard'. Asmall Hall believes in providing Person Centred Care in the way you would wish to be cared for yourself whilst respecting and supporting beliefs wherever possible. With a high level of training and support for its staff, the company has been able to increase in the provision of care for people with complex needs, yet maintaining a homely, family orientated atmosphere in a quality, comfortable home. Asmall Hall is proud to deliver a high standard of professional care to all concerned.

Asmall Hall believes that Spiritual Care is just as important as other aspects of care. They provide access to their chapel and prayer room for all and their team is happy to provide prayer support if required.

Other aspects of our care provision is that we provide 'Residential', 'General Nursing' and 'Dementia Care', therefore if the need arises there is continuity of care. This provides reassurance to both residents and their families and it maintains the strong links and relationships already existing between the team.

'Day Care' is also available for those who would prefer to be cared for at home at night. The company recognises that often caring family and friends need almost as much support as the patient. Day Care is provided seven days a week on an ongoing basis as is the provision of respite stays and holiday relief. Asmall Hall respects those they care for, encourages them to personalise their surroundings and care passionately about care itself.

Asmall Hall accepts nothing less than excellence and their levels of quality are continually monitored by the ISO 9000 quality standard.

Ormskirk Chiropractic Centre

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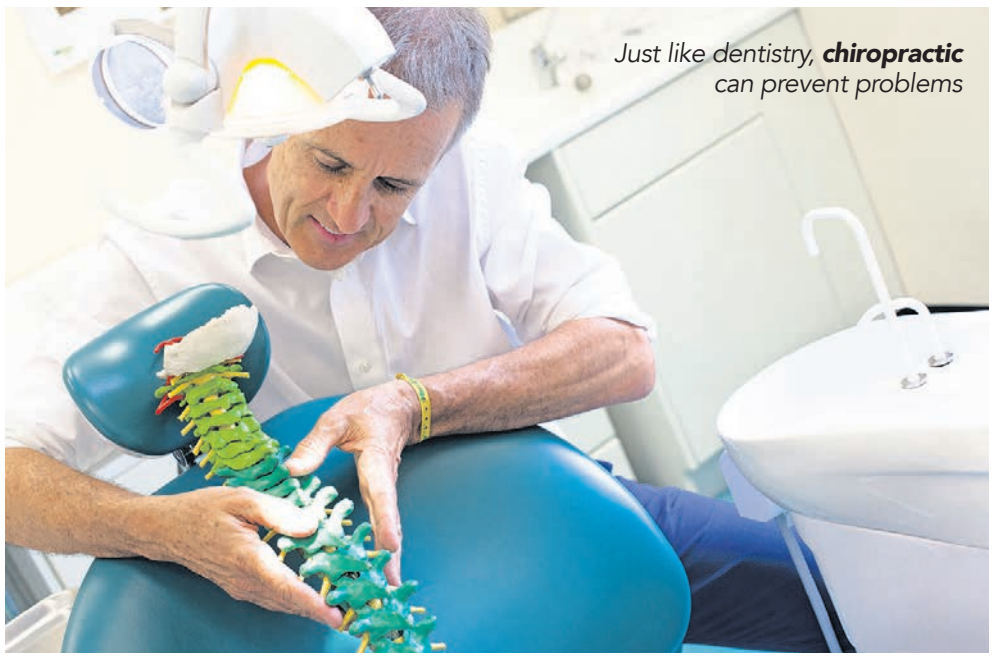

Just like dentistry, ***chiropractic*** *can prevent problems*

Dr Palmer (Doctor of Chiropractic) of **Ormskirk Chiropractic Centre** was studying nutrition when he hurt his back in a half marathon in Los Angeles. He was sorted by a chiropractor and recognised the perfect fit with the principles of chiropractic and wanted 'to share this with everyone'.

Dr Palmer says "The most difficult part of my work is explaining the wellness paradigm. You see, chiropractic really doesn't 'treat' any condition. We remove nerve interference to the nervous system to allow the body to function better and heal itself (see image to the right). He further says "Most people come to Ormskirk Chiropractic Centre with pain and there is a great deal of counter-intuitive ideas and information that need to be understood".

Lifestyle is a huge factor for many musculoskeletal problems as well as chronic illnesses. Poor posture from work, sitting, driving and sleeping set in motion changes to spinal vertebra causing nerve interference. The foods we eat, the chemicals around us, stress and poor mental outlook all can affect our health.

Chiropractic was founded in 1895 by Daniel D. Palmer upon the principle, "the nervous system controls everything that happens in our bodies (including self-regulation and healing) and that there are 3 interferences to the nervous system:

1) Physical (vertebra)
2) Chemical (food/toxins)
3) Emotional (mental outlook)

We are offering Champion readers a £10 first visit special, this includes a consultation, spinal & EMG examinations. This offer expires Saturday 14th February. You don't have to live in pain and you can correct niggling issues before they become big problems.

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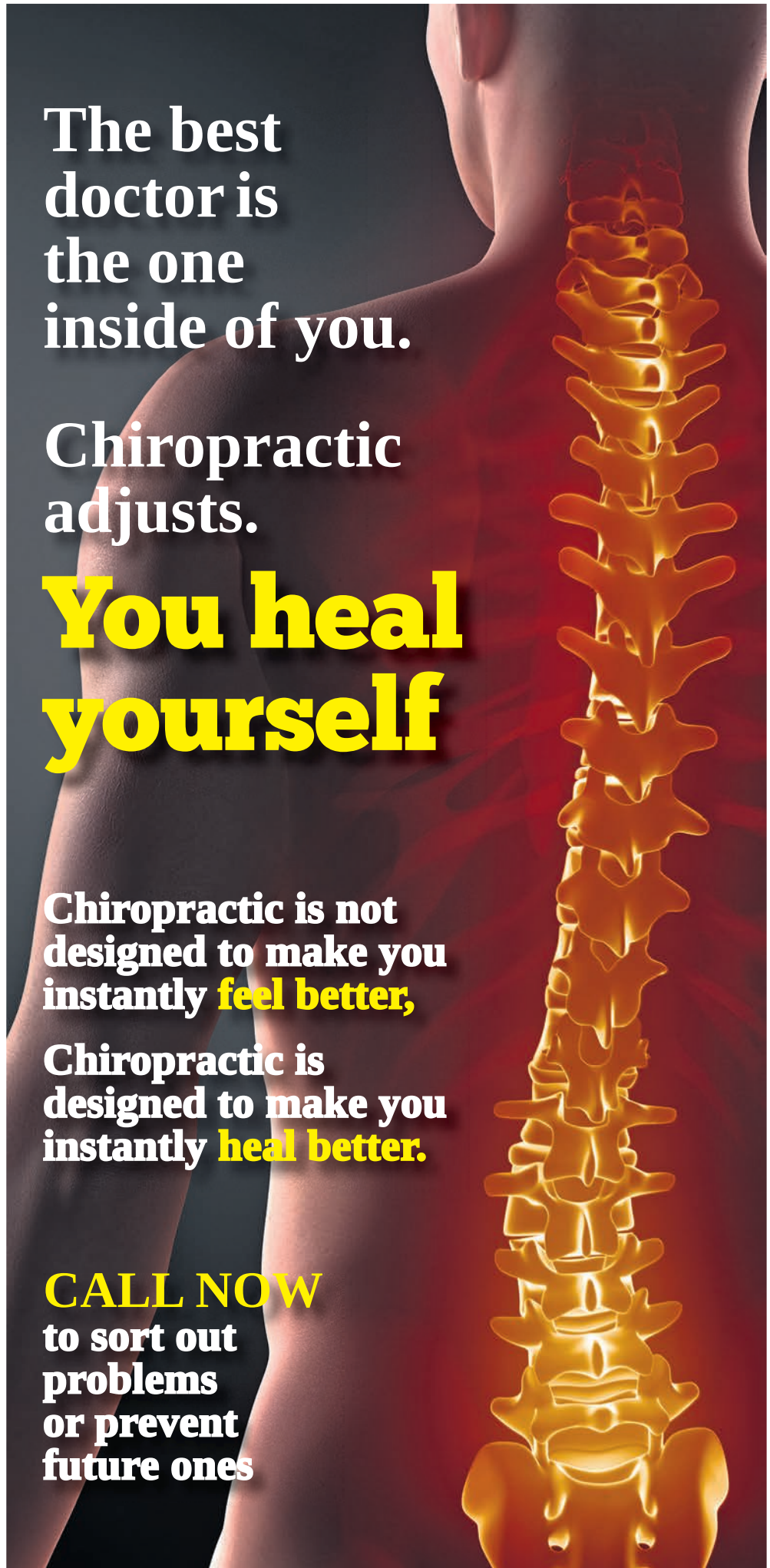
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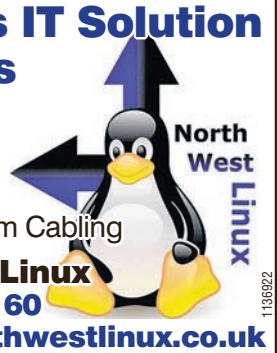

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